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# INTERNATIONAL ABSTRACT OF SURGERY

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# ABSTRACTS OF CURRENT LITERATURE SURGERY OF THE HEAD AND NECK

#### HEAD

Gernez, L., Moulonguet, P., and Mallet, L.: Treatment of Epithelial Cancers of the Mandible by Electrocoagulation Followed by Radium Irradiation (Traitement des cancers éoithiliaux de la mandibule par l'éléctrocoagulation suivie de curieth(rapie) J. de cl. ir., 1035, 25, 337

From the standpoint of treatment the authors divide epithelial cancers of the mandible into two groups—localized epithelial cancers of the mandible of gingival or sublingual origin and diffuse cancers of the mandible having their origin in the gums, sublingual tissues, tongue, or tonsils and invading the

glands and cellular tissues of the neck

The localizing epithelial cancers of the mandible develop exclusively in the spongy pars alveolaris, leaving the compact inferior margin or base of the mandible intact. The clinical picture they produce varies according to their site of origin. The burrowing type of cancer of gingival origin always appears after a dental injury. Therefore the dentist may be of great assistance in its early diagnosis. If it is not recognized by the dentist, it may not be detected until it has invaded the deeper tissues of the jaw After the extraction of a tooth, vegetations appear in the alveolus. These may be taken for dental cysts or periostitis and cauterized A roentgenogram made at this time will show an area of localized osteoporosis, almost lacunar in some cases, which even at this early stage is evidence of the burrowing growth of the tumor Biopsy of the vegetations will disclose the nature of the affection. As soon as the tumor is diagnosed, an attempt should be made to ascertain its extent.

Cancer of the floor of the mouth is diagnosed more easily. In this condition there is ulceration of the frenum of the tongue or in the vicinity of the salivary caruncle. However, even before this stage the tumor may have invaded the bone at the posterior surface of the alveolar margin. Very soon there is interference with the movements of the tongue. The extent of the tumor in the soft tissues may be deter-

mined by palpation, and its extent in the bone by roentgenograms

In the treatment, all suspected tissue should be destroyed by electrocoagulation in a single sitting. Because of the danger of septic iroculation of the cellular spaces of the neck, the destruction should not be extended beyond the buccal cavity. The continuity of the mandibular arch should be preserved in order to prevent marked postoperative facial deformity.

In the cases reviewed by the authors the instrument used for the electrocoagulation was the Beaudouin-Gondet apparatus of either the mixed interrupted and continuous wave type (from 5 to 6 amperes) or the interrupted wave type (from 15 to 20 amperes) which permits electrocoagulation to a

great depth.

The operation was usually performed under regional infiltration anesthesia preceded by the preliminary administration of chloral and scopolamine. In some cases, however, general chloroform anesthesia without preliminary anesthesia was preferred in order to obtain early awakening and immediate restoration of the reflexes.

The patient is placed in the sitting or semi-sitting position with the head erect and well supported. The region is widely exposed by means of a gag covered with rubber. The lips are separated and protected from burns by Farabeuf retractors covered with

rubber or by a wooden tongue depressor.

The current destroys the tissues without hemorrhage The best guidance is furnished by a thorough preliminary examination. The plan of operation should be determined in advance. In the soft tissues, palpation for indurated areas will be of aid. All indurated tissue should be destroyed. Next, the entire alveolar area invaded by the tumor must be electrocoagulated. The necrotizing effect will not be apparent immediately, and it is only by experience that one becomes able to determine the duration of the application necessary to destroy a given area without injuring the rest of the bone. To assure the destruction of all lateral infiltrations of the disease

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process the electrocoagulation should be extended at least two teeth beyond the apparent limits of the

On completion of the electrocasgulation at may be necessary to secure the tongue by a thread through 15s apec to prevent at from falling down over the congulated are. The adjoining mure a, although not touched by the instrument will assully react the control of the control of

After a few days of irrigation, the scars on the soft towes become detached hittle by hittle. At this stage there may be a slightly fetid odor. For eversal weeks in the lone for-s not seem to change. The process of sequestration is extremely slow. After from the to eight weeks he to cogglid studied home comes away spontaneously or with very sentle traction the base of the mandable being perfectly headed beneath it of the mandable being perfectly headed beneath it trocongulation. Force should be avoided in detach in the sent as it a blieb to cause fracture. Before detachment of the sequestrum the patient should be instructed to intend the mist method.

meal During the period of sens ation of the sequestrum radium is applied. The lymphatics are treated through transcutaneous moulds These permet proper irradiation without undue destruction of the skin and normal tissues. The radium is distributed in multiple too in a wax cast moulded to bt the face and neck. The authors describe a cast for the treat. ment of cancer of the anterior and median portions of the floor of the mouth and the mandibular arch and a cast for the treatment of cancer involving the hors ontal portion of the jaw and the posterior por tion of the floor of the mouth. The skin distance for the first type should be a cm and the dose to mem of radium element ritered by a mm of plat mum or a total of 1 20 mgm and the duration of the application from eighteen to twents days. The dose should equal from 45 to 50 D units for twenty days For the second type the skin distance should be 6 on or in very I mited cases without marked ade nonaths a cm

The general condition is siteri quite mythedly affected especially when a randoutermatists develops. The buccal reaction is very intense and accompanied by a micodermatists intellering with almost which weakens the patient. During this period which hasts shout fifteen days treatment should be given to improve the general condition and the condition of the condition and the condition of the

The immediate results are very good. In only one of the authors, cases did a complection develop. In this case a secondars, hemorrhage o, curred on the tenth day, but was controlled by lavage and tamponade with gause astirated with a very dilute so that of perchloride of iron. Sometimes a few teeth in the region of the congulated area were loosened but they became fixed again in the course of a few months. A plate should not be applied before a year has classed.

Of four patients treated by the authors in the man ner described three remain cured after four two and a half and two years respectively. The fourth de

veloped a recurrence after a vear

A brief review of other methods of treatment em ployed for the cure of these lessons includes total resection of the horizontal ramus partial resection of the alveolar margin (Morestin) surgery followed by tadium tradiation and radium tradiation followed by surveys

Electrocoagulation has the great advantage that it is not followed by osteoradionecrosis. In the d.f. fuse type of mandibular cancer it has the advantage of being less dans crows than operation and is applicable to cases in which surgery is contra indicated The pain is much ie, s than after aurgical operation While in cases of extensive tumors it often becomes necessary to trespass beyond the buccal cavity and the sequestrum may be of such an extent as to in volve loss of autstance and fracture of the taw sequestration takes place slowly and sometimes the formation of scierotic thoug renders prosthetic apchances superfluous in spite or loss of substance In cases of very deep and extensive cancer removal of some of the upper layers of ougulated tosue may be necessary to gain access to the deeper layers The resgulated debris 1 curetted away but at no time should this reocedure can a bleeding buture or immediate autoplasts was not done in any of the authors ca es of this type. If the wound is external it is covered with a very light dressing and if it is internal it is treated with irrigations. Radiotherany is ay pited as for the localized inte. Occasionally a cancenzed glandular area has been removed sur greath, but as a rule radiotherapy through moulded casts has been employed. The results of treatment of these extensive tumors are of course less favorable However the authors believe that the method de scrifed should improve the progno is Several cases are ested in support of this theory

Fight cases are reported in detail

The advantages of the method described by the
authors are summarized as follows

The septic computations of the classical resection of the paw are avoided. Rupture of the mindibular arch is prevented or at least retarded for sweral weeks the different problem for early prostness being therefore solved. The formation of the sequestrum is slow and septic. Transcutaneous transdation applied a few days after electrorisgulation has never given me to radiuncerootis.

Akerblom, N. V.: Prolonged Resection of the Lower Jaw as Treatment of Cancer of This Bone (La résection "prolongée" du maxill ure inférieur comme traitement du cancer de cet os) Acta chirug. Scand , 1934, 75 513

The usual treatment of carcinoma involving the alveolar border of the lower jaw consists in resection of a segment of the bone. This necessitates the immediate application of a prosthetic device prepared in advance. The author's method obviates the use of an immediate prosthesis. In fact it may render the patient satisfied to dispense with a prosthesis entirely.

The cervical lymph nodes are first removed. The tumor is then destroyed by diatherms and the bone widely sterilized, the lower border of the jaw being preserved. The wounds, external and internal, are completely closed except for the passage for a drain When the bone has become completely sequestrated it is removed at a secondary operation. The tech-

nique is not described in detail

Two cases successfully treated by this method are reported with photographs and roentgenograms MIBERT I DE GLOAT, M D

#### LYE

Gissord, S. R.: Some Notes on the Treatment of Strabismus. Brit J. Oplith, 1035, 10, 148

In this article, which is based on two years' experience in a special chinic for orthoptic training, the author evaluates such training in the treatment of strabismus

He states that the first essential in the correction of strabismus is a complete examination cases of children under ten years old this should include refraction under atropin. In those of older children, homatropin is equally effective as a rule

In concomitant convergent strabismus with hyperopia or hyperopic astigmatism, as much of the full correction as will be tolerated is prescribed and increased as rapidly as possible to full correction When there is less than one diopter of hyperopia there is less chance of correction with glasses alone, but bifocals or grab fronts of +2 o D sphere for near vision may produce some improvement. They may be tried also in cases in which the eyes are straight for distant vision but show from 10 to 15 degrees of convergence when the patient reads Guibor's control series, observed very carefully after refraction and with no other treatment than the use of atropin or occlusion, the refraction was done quite early, usually before the sixth year After six months correction had been obtained with glasses in 121/2 per cent, and after eighteen months it had been obtained in 30 per cent. In 20 per cent the eyes remained straight for brief periods without glasses Most of these were cases of concomitant convergent squint

In divergent squint, non-operative measures must be confined to attempts to correct ambly opia and to fusion training, since little can be done by refraction

Opinions regarding the possibility of improving vision in amblyopic eyes vary widely. Herzau reported improvement in 37 per cent, and Peter, improvement in 50 per cent. The author has been unable to approximate these results. Uni-ocular occlusion is usually impossible in cases in which the vision of the amblyopic eye is below 20/200, and only a few parents will carry it out satisfactorily in other cases Even in some of the author's cases in which excellent cooperation was obtained the results were poor.

Gifford's results from occlusion for one or two hours a day and the use of atropin have not been very satisfactory Guibor has overcome suppression of the poorer eye and aided orthoptic training by reducing vision in the good eye by under-correction with atropin or the use of Snell's lined glasses Improvement in vision has not been striking, but prolonged uni-ocular occlusion has not been tried in a large enough number of cases to warrant a definite opinion Guibor found 20, 80 to be the lower limit of vision with which orthoptic training can be l'atients with poorer vision could be carried out trained to fuse the larger test objects, but did not

obtain much benefit from the exercises

In the selection of cases for orthoptic training, paralytic squint and pseudo-strabismus must be ruled out by adequate examination. The group of accommodative strabismus is the most important Most of the 30 per cent of Guibor's control series in which the eyes became straight without training vere cases of this condition. In such cases there is hyperopia, usually of fairly high degree, and treatment under atropin results in marked improvement In many instances the eyes become straight under treatment with full correction and atropin, with or without additional correction for near vision

Cases of strabismus due to defective fusion include those with good vision and a low degree of refractive error which show no change in the angle of squint under atropin. To this group belong many cases of divergent squint, especially intermittent or latent divergence, as well as cases of alternating squint Even in cases of alternating squint fusion has sometimes been developed and the squint overcome It is in this group that pre-operative and postoperative fusion training is most important

In strabismus with amblyopia the results of refraction are less satisfactory the greater the degree of amblyopia, and when vision is below 20/80 fusion training is of little value. If hyperopia is present, the effect of the wearing of glasses for from six months to a year may be watched. If no improvement is noted at the end of that time, surgery is indicated

Strabismus with anisometropia may be considered a variety of strabismus with amblyopia if the anisometropia is sufficient to prevent binocular vision with correction. While the iseikonic lenses of Ames may equalize the size of the images, no cures from their use have been reported

Cases of strabismus due to muscular abnormalities are those without any of the factors mentioned, in which weakness or over action of certain muscles is demonstrable. In this group, especially those of vertical strabismus surgery should be done without

prehminary training

All of these types are divided into squint of low degree and squint of high degree. In Guibor s group including all types of concomitant strabismus the eyes became straight after refraction and orthoptic training in 84 per cent of the cases in which the angle of squint was 15 degrees or le s whereas in tho e m which it was above 15 degrees they became straight in only if Der cent. In most of the author's cases in which the postoperative angle of squart was only 4 or to degrees complete correction was obtained by orthoptic training if this was begun early

In the routine training given in the author's cases the nutients come to the clinic once a week and are given training for from twenty to sixty minutes As a rule no home training is given. When there is good bome cooperation fewer office visits are needed For overcoming the suppression the large syn

optophore of Maddox is ideal. The same effect may be obtained by using a bright light before one tube of Worth's ambly oscope or employing larger objects before the squinting eve in the stereoscope. As soon as fusion with the stereoscope is possible, exercices are given with this instrument to advantage has been found by the author in the more complicated instruments using moving objects. With vision of 20/ 100 or better fu ion is usually possible with the ampler instruments with the sid of prisms

The easiest charts to fuse are not the fiat pictures such as the bird and the case but simple figures showing definite perspective in which one or more parts are common to both pictures. Such are the E senes of Wells and all of the Sattler charts Curbor has prepared a set of charts with perspective which are graduated in difficulty. These charts are split to allow reversal and use in all positions which

saves much changing of priams

True binocular depth perception is obtainable but pseudo-binocularism must be watched for by cutting away the top of the stereoscope so that the eyes may be observed. A constant increase in the difficulty of the obstacles to be overcome in fusion is necessary until prisms of 20 degrees before each eye are over come

With good cooperation most progress is made in the first four to s x months. When progress as at a stand till operation is advisable regardle a of the

nationt's age

In the author's cases of sound higher than 20 degrees operation is usually performed simultane cush on both lateral rects of one eye. The effect of this procedure is better than that obtained by two onerations. This method is of advantage also be cause there is no change in the anteroposterior post tion of the eye as with operation on a single muscle As recession of the internal rectus is never more than 4 mm convergence insufficiency is therefore

avoided The technical details of several operative p ocedures are discussed Fowerd > PLATE M D

Benedict W L and Montgomery H Pseudo zanthoma Elasticum and Angiold Streaks Am J Ophth 1935 18 205

The authors report eight cases of pseudoxanthoma elasticum and describe the findings of ophthalmological studies in five Only two of the five patients subjected to ophthalmological study had typical angiord streaks, but the three others showed disease of the choroid

The bistopathological picture of pseudoxanthoma elasticum is usually typical and diagnostic. It is not to be confused with the histopathological picture of semile skin (semile elastosis) As a rule pseudoxanthoma elasticum and angioid streaks are assocrated and present a definite aundrome Frequently,

however they occur independently of each other. Their cause remains unknown. The most play a ble explanation is that both result from degenera tive changes of the elastic tissue due to a malforma

tion (Missbildung) and have a hereditary basis No satisfactory method of treatment for either

condition is known

Pseudozanthoma elasticum is harmless except for the cosmetic disfigurement but angioid streaks are frequently followed by or associated with choroid itis of varying degree and therefore have a less favorable propposis

Filatov V P Transplantation of the Cornea Ar h Ophth 1935 to 321

The author has performed transplantation of all of the cornea transplantation of part of its layers and partial penetrating transplantation performed the partial penetrating transplantation most frequently and succe sfully. In transplanta tion of the whole cornes glaucoma is the most serious complication. Transplantation of part of the corneal layers has been more satisfactory. The author describes in detail the preliminary care of the operative field the fixation of the tran plant the excu ion of the transplant, the trephining of the leucoma and the fixation of the transplant. The most common complications during the operation have been injury to the lens the escape of vitreous and expulsive hemorrhage. The postoperative complications have been slipping off of the transplant the escape of vitreous the formation of a fistula and the development of anterior streetize causing glaucoma

Filatov believes that total corneal transplantation is still in the experimental stage and that partial penetrating corneal transplantation is the most important operation for transplantation of the VIRGIL WESCOTT MD come a

Sorsby, A. Convenital Coloborns of the Macula Together with an Account of the Familial Oc currence of Bilateral Macular Coloborna in Association with Apical Dystrophy of the Hands and Feet Brit J Uphth 1935 to 05

Soraby reviews the literature on congenital macu lar coloboma twenty bilateral cases thirty six uni lateral cases, and three (possibly five) cases in which the condition was familial. He states that there is nothing in the ophthalmoscopic appearance of the lesion to indicate definitely that it is of congenital rather than postnatal origin.

Attention is called to cases in which a macular coloboma was associated with a typical choroidal coloboma in the same eye, and to cases in which macular coloboma was associated with other atypical

colobomatous defects

Non-pigmented colobomata tend to be more deeply excavated than pigmented colobomata

It appears that, in addition to the recognized varieties of non-pigmented and pigmented macular coloboma, a third type, aptly described as a wheelfigure, has a fairly characteristic appearance. In the latter the center is white and pigmented spokes radiate from it toward a pigmented rim

Studies of the pathological anatomy of macular coloboma, though not conclusive, appear to indicate that there is no basis for the belief that congenital macula colobomata are the result of intra-uterine

inflammation

The author describes a family consisting of a mother and five children, all of whom showed bilateral pigmented macular colobomata and apical dystrophy of the hands and feet. One of subjects

had also a solitary kidney

Attention is called to the studies of Landauer on the creeper fowl, a breed characterized by skeletal defects and ocular abnormalities, and to the experimental production by Bagg and Little of hereditary defects involving the eyes, feet, and kidneys in mice

Arguments are advanced in favor of regarding macular eoloboma as a localized choroideremia

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#### EAR

Layton, T. B., Jory, N., Symonds, G. P., Watson-Williams, E, and Others Discussion on Men-Ingitis of Othle Origin Proc Roy Soc Med, Lond , 1935, 28 529

LAYTON Clinically, cases of otitic meningitis fall into two groups: those in which the condition has its origin in a recent mastoid infection and those in which it develops in the presence of old disease In the treatment of cases of the first group the chief requirement is thorough washing out of all debris in the mastoid cavity with the use of as much as 2 gal of fluid or more if necessary. Meningitis shows three The first stage is accompanied by neck rigidity but no other symptoms. In the second stage Kerning's sign is also present. In the third stage there is the typical picture of grave meningeal involvement

Jory. The cerebrospinal fluid is of most importance A pressure over 200 mm is pathological, a cell count of from 6 to 10 is suspicious, and a cell count of more than 10 is definitely pathological A high polymorphonuclear count indicates bacterial invasion Glucose is usually absent in septic menin-

gitis In the acute cases, the magnesium remains unchanged, whereas in chronic cases it shows a decrease.

Symones: Infection may extend from the middle ear to the meninges directly along thrombosed and infected vessels in the bone which communicate with the vessels in the subarachnoid space, more or less directly through the labyrinth; or step by step through the bone, dura, and arachnoid

Jony F. Drum, M.D.

Eves, C: The Diagnosis of Acute Suppuration of Ann Otol, Rhinel & the Petrous Pyramid Larvagel , 1035, 44 97

Eves states that suppuration of the petrous pyramid is the most recently recognized complica-

tion of purulent otitis media

When there is sufficient drainage through a fistulous opening into the middle ear an acute suppuration of this type may terminate in chronic purulent otitis media or, if the cell structure is favorable, may heal spontaneously. If drainage is not sufficient, some form of surgical assistance is necessary.

It is believed that in many cases of chronic suppurative of its media the infection has its origin in

the petrous pyramid

When a radical mastoidectomy is performed for the relief of a chronic discharge and necrotic granulation is found in the middle ear, especially in the region of the custachian tube, a fistula leading through the peritubal cell into the petrous bone

should be suspected

The chinical picture of acute suppuration of the petrous pyramid requiring surgical drainage is characterized by nocturnal attacks of pain in, around, and back of the eye and in the temporoparietal region of the affected side which occur with increasing intensity over a period of a few weeks in association with acute purulent office media and mastoiditis, a low grade septic temperature, and cyidence of progressive involvement of the petrous pyramid shown by serial roentgenograms JAMES C. BRASWELL, M D

Kopetzky, S. J., and Almour, R : A Report on Ten Cases of Suppuration in the Petrosal Pyramid. Inn Otol, Rhinol & Laryngol, 1935, 44 50

To the seventeen eases of suppuration in the petrosal pyramid which they have reported previously the authors add ten more cases, nine of which presented fistulous tracts leading into the petrosal aper

In four of the ten eases simple mastoidectomy with adequate widening of the fistula and drainage was sufficient for cure In six cases radical mastoidectomy was necessary to reach the site of the

fistulous opening.

In two cases, sixth nerve palsy was present prior to exploration of the petrous apex, and in one case it developed after drainage of the petrous apex.

In two eases endocramal rupture of the lesion in the petrosal aper was proved by lipiodol injection.

In one case a lateral phary ngeal abscess of petrosal origin appeared with a sixth nerve palsy

One of the patients died and nine recovered. Five other patients operated on in the authors, whose cases are not reported in this article also recovered. In all the authors have had thirty two proved cases of suppuration in the petronal pyramid. Twenty even were cured by surgical attack on the

lesion in the petrous aper

Of the five deaths, one was that of a patient who
was not operated upon and whose lesion was not
recognized. This was the first case studied by the
authors. Of the four other deaths three control

recognized. This was the first case studied by the suthors. Of the four other deaths three occurred in cases in which operation was performed in the presence of a fully developed purulent lepto meninguis and one in a case of brain sheess. In all of these cases the nature of the condition

an all of these cases the nature of the condition was proved by the bidings at operation and on rocitizen examination after lipized injections

JAMES C BRASWELL M D

#### NOSE AND SINUSES

Price L W Malignant Tumors of the Nasal Mu

Price reports on a series of thritteen mblighand tumors of the nose and naisi accessory sames which differed wideh in type. Seven occurred in women and six to men. The ages of the patients to the price of the patients of the price of the p

though metapia in plane a part. The difficulty in the earth diagnosis of tumors of the masal muco a 15 well recognized. The importance of obtaining material for historipical diagnosis at the earliest possible stager cannot be overemphase of it is suggested that aspiration of fluid or tissue like traments through a cannot have been the traments through a cannot be overprised.

The sign which is probably of most importance is swelling over the cheek. Also of importance are epistaxis and pain but pain is absent until the process is well advanced.

The prognosis is generally poor partit because of the close relation of the tumors to vital structure and the frequency of bone invasion but chiefly becaue of the inaccessibility of the neoplasms

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DRY P DELER M D

Bernard R Simple Glandular Chellils or Puente s Disease (La chelite glandulare sample ou maladie de Luente) Brurelies méd 193 15 458

Simple glandular chelitis or Puente's disease was first described as a clinical entity by Puente in 1927

In 1933 Puente's observations were confirmed by Touraine and Solente In 1934 Fuente published a monograph based on fifty two cases

The disease begins in the middle thrid of the lower by and gradually extends to include all but the commissures. The lesions are located between the surface of closure and the cutaneous border of the lip. Hence they are visible when the mouth to local. These commiss of firm are not toxive but had been consistent of the control that had been consistent of the control that had been consistent of the control that had been control to the control that had

A completation of this disease it the apostemators cheditist described by Volkmann in 1850. In the latter condition the ly becomes swollen and pa nil and its surface is covered by these most black following crusts. Detachment of the crusts exposes a smooth or alightly diseased aurice which beeds easily and persystemity. Virturbid found due to

suppuration in the glands can be expressed.
Simple glandular chelibits develops slowly and shows as tendency to regress. The progno is should be guarded because of the possibility of the develop-

ment of cancer on the basis of the leucoplakis

Apart from the sealle character of the skin of the
andiciduals affected there is no constant etislogical

factor
\[ \sigma \satisfactory treatment has been found fuente p uposed curettage and electrocoagulation fractiation may be tried.
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ALBERT I' DE GROUT, M'D

Mueller A. The Results of Palatoplasty by the Method of Victor Veau on the Basis of 100 Cases (Leber the Engelon re der Gaumennistic nach Victor Veau an Hauld von 100 Fallen) roat Leibnig

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Muller reviews the results of too pala orthaphate and pistophaties in which he assisted Poemithal lost is me of the patients were mades. Inheritance of the defects was proved in a grate, its incidence posted in the hirrature which is from 20 to no protect in the hirrature which is from 20 to no protect in the hirrature which is from 20 to no protect in the hirrature which is from 20 to no protect in the hirrature which is from 20 to no protect in the hirrature which is from 20 to 2

tion of the palate chronic nasopharyngeal catarrh

was present in 29 cases and middle ear disease in 19. Tonsillitis was frequent, and most of the children

presented enlargement of the palatal and pharyn

geal glands Some of the patients had gastro-intestinal disturbances and suffered from malnutrition

Except in 2 cases, the mentality was normal

The operative procedures of Veau are described in detail. The best time for operation is between the second and third years of age. General anesthesia is used for small children and local anesthesia for older children. In the after-care acetone celluloid is applied over the sutured parts to facilitate feeding.

Of or cases of cleft palate not previously operated upon, healing occurred without complication in 67 Of 9 in which a previous operation had been performed, primary union resulted in 6 There were 2 deaths, those of children between ten and thirteen months old who died on the tenth and one hundred and ninth day after the operation, one from severe intestinal grippe, the other from influenza

The importance of systematic speech training and

orthodontic care is stressed

(A KAERGER) THOMAS W STEVENSON, JR., M.D.

Levi, L. M., and Hankins, F. D: Carcinoma of the Lingual Thyroid. Am J Cancer, 1935, 23 328

A woman twenty-one years of age sought advice because of interference with deglutition and the presence of a painful lump in the back of the throat On examination the lump was found to be a firm, solid tumor located in the midline on the posterior third of the tongue. Its surface was a dull red and slightly lobulated. Its base was broad, extending well out toward either edge of the tongue. There was some impairment of speech. The patient had felt well until five days before her admission to the hospital. The lesion was widely excised with the actual cautery knife under ether angesthesia.

Microscopic examination of the tumor disclosed an overlying squamous epithelium, subepithelial lymphocytic infiltration, and a fibrous capsule. The mass was composed of highly irregular and poorly formed acini of the thyroid type with occasional small amounts of colloid. The acinar cells were large and ovoid or spherical. They often stained deeply, and they showed some poorly formed mitotic figures. The fibrous capsule was extensively invaded

by neoplastic cells

Because of the presence of definite malignancy complete destruction of the lingual thyroid appeared necessary although the thyroid gland could not be demonstrated in the neck. Three months after the operation the patient developed clinical manifestations of myxedema. The basal metabolic rate was —30 Response to treatment with thyroid extract was very satisfactory. Nine months after the operation there was no speech impediment and no evidence of recurrence.

#### NECK

Blair, D. M., Davies, F., and McKissock, W.: The Etiology of the Vascular Symptoms of Gervical Rib. Brit J. Surg., 1935, 22, 406.

In a small proportion of cases of cervical rib the symptoms are predominantly of a vascular nature,

motor and sensory symptoms being absent or very slight Telford and Stopford have recently suggested an anatomical basis to account for this phenomenon. In a cadaver without cervical ribs they found, in the inferior part of the lower trunk of the brachial plevus, a distinct and separate bundle of unmyelinated fibers which they interpreted as the sympathetic fibers passing to the upper limb by way of the lower trunk and not yet incorporated with the fibers of the trunk Therefore the fusion of the sympathetic fibers with the lower trunk occurred at a point more distal than usual Telford and Stopford concluded that under such circumstances the separate bundle of unmyelinated fibers would be more immediately exposed than the motor and sensory fibers to pressure by the subjacent rib. They postulated also that, given the same condition in a patient with cervical ribs, the symptoms would be predominantly vascular and of the nature of chronic arterial spasm induced by prolonged irritation Prolonged arterial spasm would cause constriction or even obliteration of the vasa vasorum with consequent nutritional changes in the arterial walls and perhaps even thrombosis vascular effects in cases of cervical rib occur only in the portion of the artery distal to the axillary artery because the subclavian and axillary arteries receive their sympathetic supply directly from the sympathetic chain, while the more distal vessels of the arm receive their innervation from the adjacent nerve supply of the brachial plexus

The authors report a case of cervical nb producing unilateral pronounced vascular effects in which a histological examination of the brachial plexus was made. At operation, the subclavian artery was found free from pressure by the cervical nb even when the arm was pulled down by the side. The lower trunk of the brachial plexus lay in immediate contact with the upper aspect of the cervical rib and the first dorsal contribution to the lower trunk was stretched taut as it passed upward and laterally. The cervical rib was excised, but the patient died on the eighth postoperative day of a pulmonary complication.

On the basis of their observations and study the authors agree with Telford and Stopford that the clinical picture is due to irritation rather than paralysis of the sympathetic (vasoconstrictor) fibers Since, in the case they report, arterial pulsation did not return to normal and disappearance of pain was incomplete immediately after removal of the cervical rib, they conclude that the irritation of the sympathetic fibers is not due entirely to mechanical pressure of the rib They believe that a chronic aseptic inflammatory lesion of the nerve produced by pressure of the cervical rib is an important factor in the production of symptoms They state that this lesion will clear up only gradually after removal of the exciting cause. In support of their theory they cite the thickening of the endoneurium and proliferation of the endoneurial nuclei in the inferior part of the lower trunk of the plexus Although in their case a small number of unmyelinated fibers existed separately near the lower part of the plexus, most of the unmychasted fibers were in the lower truth without anatomical segregation proximal to the region of contact with the cervical rib. They therefore dispress with the theory, of Felford and Stopford that anatomical segregation of unmychinated there in the form of an unjoined ramus is necessary before waso motor symptoms occur. They attribute father of control of the properties of the properties along standing cross to progress the symptoms in long standing cross to progress the symptoms in long standing cross to progress the symptoms in long standing change into permanent fibrious. Therefore they rou clude that early operation is undicated

ARTRUR S W Tuggorr M D

Bernheim A R and Garlock J H Parathy roldectomy for Raymand a Disease and Sciene derma Ann Surg 1935 tot 1012

As a result of observations continued over a num ber of vears which will be reported in detail in a subsequent communication, the authors have formed the opinion that disturbances in calcium metabolism are factors in the development of Ray naud a theesse

and other vasospastic cooditions Fractly how disturbances in calcium metabolism produce the various manifestations seen in vasospastic conditions is not altogether clear. It is suggested that as calcium affects the permeability of every cell in the body the results of insufficiency of the calcium intake may be exceedingly varied. It is suggested also that the constitutional factor is of great importance in determining the reaction of different individuals to disturbances of calcium metabolism and therefore to the development of different changal manifestations. The constitutional factor may be considered to depend upon a local interiority which renders tissues more susceptible to damage such as that produced by a decrea e of the blood supply caused by vasospasm

To understand the rationale of parathy roulectomy in these conditions it is neces ary to assume that one of the functions of the parathyroid glands is the maintenance of a constant serum calcium level of from to to to 5 mgm per too cem With long de ficiency to the calcium intake the stores of body calcium become exhausted and the parathyroid glands become hyperplastic apparently because of their increased physiclogical activity in withdrawing calcium from depleted bones and possibly also from other tissues. The hyperplasia may be therefore regarded as a work hypertrophy of the parathyroid glands The constitutional factor becomes a part of the picture and eventually various chuical symp-toms bring the patient to the physician Whether the form of calcium drawn from the bones is a dif ferent variety from that supplied by an adequate

diet is still a matter of conjecture. If patients with vasopsaistic conditions are given an adequate calcium regimen many of them will respond ta rorably. That is thete will be a musticed annelioration of the symptoms due primarily to the vasopsam. That has been the authors experience in many cases of Raymud's disease, thrombo-amputis obliterants and atterosplectures. It is their conceptions the conception of the symptoms of the conception of the symptoms of the conceptions.

tion that in such as as, following adequate treatment with callcum the parathyroids are releved of the extra work of drawing calcium from the bone reserve and may soon return to a normal physiological state. However in certain instances improvement does not late place in spite of prolonged treatment. The authors believe that in such cases a change of a most or less permanent nature treating in a hyper a most or less permanent nature treating in a hyper a most or less permanent nature treating in the practivemed and removed of two or more parathyroids and treatment of the or more parathyroids.

Up to the present time six of the authors patier's who were not benefited by conservative therapy have been subjected to parathyroidectomy. Three presented generalized selecoderms with moderately severe Raynaud manifestations in the hands and feet. One showed advanced sclerodactylia with symptoms of vaso pasm in the hands and feet Two presented the picture of Raynaud's disease uncom recated by skin changes. In all marked relief of symptoms due to vasospasm was noted after the operation. The relief of pain and restoration of the color of the sayolved extremities to normal occurred practically within twenty four hours. The most a tonishing results were noted in the cases of un complicated Raynaud's disease. The fingers of the nationts with this condition which were a deep purple before the operation regained their normal color within twenty four hours and did not change again even after immersion in ice nater. Rapid im provement was noted in the oscillometric deter minations both in the range of the oscillation and the degree of spa m. Improvement of the surface temperature was also evident. Up to the present time after the lapse of from three months to a year these patients have continued to do well

The six cases are reported in great detail especially with regard to the ante operative study and preparation. Yamous aspects of the operative technique are summaria-ed.

Arbuckle M F Cowdry E V and Votan R
The Fflect of Radium Emanations on the
Lacy agent Larthage Arch Of Uryagal 1935 22

Because of the difficulties encountered in the treatment of malignant disease of the tonsil hypopharynx and larynx the treatment has proved madequate in a large percentage of cases. The authors discuss surmeal removal destruction by heat praduation and the combination of surgery and retachation. In the late stages of the disease successful results are unlikely to be obtained by any method of treatment Difficulties due to interference with respiration awallowing and injuries to the laryngeal carblage the thyroid gland, and the great vessels greatly increase the problem. Many clinicians have been discouraged with the results of irradiation However increased knowledge of radium its emana tion and roentgen rays and improvement in the methods of their application have aroused renewed hope in the use of radiotherapy. In many cases

irradiation is the only method possible The authors regard it as debatable whether irradiation should be used when surgical removal can be carried out

This article deals chiefly with the effect of radium emanation (radon) in or near cartilage without destruction of the latter The authors quote Thomson and Colledge as stating that failure has been the result of incorrect and usually excessive doses of irradiation improperly applied. It is thought that gold seeds permitting the use of the shorter gamma rays may be superior to X-ray treatment authors consider gold seeds to possess advantages over all other containers in this field In support of their opinion they cite several cases and present photographs of cartilage of patients and dogs which was exposed to radon. The findings of experimental work indicate that the lethal dose of gamma rays for cancer cells may be below that for cartilage cells, and that the likelihood of injury to cartilage from the treatment may not he so great as has been supposed Methods for staining and preparing the experimental tissues are described. The reactions to the seeds exhibited features common to all tissues In the cartilage, however, the most permanent irradiation effects were an accumulation of fluid and coagulative necrosis In the loose connective tissue the effect was manifested at a distance of o 5 mm, whereas in cartilage little effect was produced o 1 mm away from the seed The authors compare the effects of irradiation from seeds in muscle and in cartilage The effect of irradiation on cartilage was much less noticeable than the effect on muscle In fact difficulty was experienced in characterizing and measuring the cartilage effect even after doses of from 66 to 200 mc-hrs Swelling of the cartilage and of the intercellular substances due to the taking on of water spread the nuclei farther apart, but no phagocytic cells were seen in the perichondrium or in the cartilage and no dead material requiring removal was The fact that edema was present in the cartilage in some cases and absent in others raised doubt as to the factors or factor responsible for the condition The authors gained the impression that infiltration with calcium salts was more marked in the irradiated cartilage than in the control specimens These experiments demonstrated clearly that seeds do not bring about changes such as necrosis and perichondritis in the cartilage at the distances mentioned in the description of the experiments The exposures and their effects are shown in a table The authors state that further work is necessary to explain exactly how cartilage is influenced by irradiation

The authors believe that a combination of gold seeds planted directly into the tumor plus high voltage X-ray irradiation is more efficacious than X-ray irradiation alone. They state that while complete removal is the method of choice for the treatment of malignant disease, help may be expected from gold seeds when this is impossible. Since cartilage is one of the least cellular tissues of the body, it would he expected to be resistant to irradiation. However,

because of its avascularity and slow exchange of fluid, it may have a special reaction to such treatment

A JAMES LARKIN, M D

Jackson, G., and Jackson, C. L: Dysphonia Plicæ Ventricularis: Phonation with the Ventricular Bands Arch Otolaryngol, 1935, 21. 157

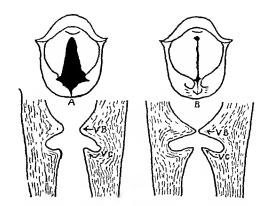
Dysphonia plicæ ventricularis is a rather frequent and usually unrecognized type of hoarseness due to phonation with the ventricular bands or difficulty in phonation due to vicarious assumption of the function of the true vocal cords by the false cords (ventricular bands)

In some cases sluggish approximation of the vocal cords seems to allow the ventricular bands to approximate first, the true cords being thereby covered and prevented from vibrating. Sluggish action of the cords may be due to impairment of muscular activity, fatigue of the muscles, impairment of innervation, or arthritis of the crico-arytenoid joints. Obvious causes of malfunction of the arytenoids are tuberculosis, syphilis, contact ulcer, and cancer

In some cases the ventricular bands seem to be extremely alert and abnormally quick to respond so that they act before the true cords This characteristic appears to be associated in some cases with muscular hypertrophy.

In other cases the ventricular bands take on the function of the true cords when one or both of the latter have been destroyed by disease or removed surgically or are congenitally rudimentary.

In well-established cases of phonation with the ventricular bands the voice is deep and has a rough quality Vocal training may result in smooth phona-



Schematic illustration of the mechanism of phonation with the ventricular bands from a combination of hypertrophic, aggressive activity of the bands with sluggish activity of the vocal cords On inspiration, A, the cords are invisible under the hypertrophic ventricular bands On phonation, B, the cords approximate but not quickly enough to reach the midline before the aggressively active ventricular bands have reached contact in the midline and have begun to vibrate. VB, ventricular bands VC, vocal cords

tion almost normal in pitch. Double voice (diplophon a) is nearly always present in the early stages and breaking of the voice is common Sometimes two tones are produced at once the true cords and ventricular bands functioning alternately fatigue is common

Although the diagnosis is usually made by exam enation through the laryngeal mirror at sometimes

requires direct lary ngoscopy

The treatment varies with the findings. In cases with loss of the true cords vocal training is the only theraps possible. In the cases of patients with good cords and overactive ventricular bands vocal train ing or checking of the action of the ventricular hands by nipping out a small bit of tissue from the center of the free edge of the bands is indicated. Honever, t efore the latter is undertaken one mu t he certain that the vocal cords can be approximated and tensed and can vibrate normally

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Kramer R and Som \t L Local Tumor Like Deposits of Amyloid in the Larynx Report of a Case with a Review of the Literature Arch

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On the basis of the literature Aramer and Som classify cases of amyloidosis into the following four groups

Those of local amyloid deposits occurring in areas of chronic inflammation or within neoplasms Such deposits may be primary or secondary

Those of local tumor like arry lord deposits con stituting a part of a general amyloidosis. The local amyloids may precede a general amyloidosis

3 Those of a typical general amylondose in which such structures as muscles the lunus the heatt the skin and the upper air passages are involved Lu barsch distinguishes five subty per characterized by (a) almost complete exemption of organs characteris tically envolved in the usual type of case (b) the deposition of amylo d in organs usually spared (c) a tendency toward the formation of sodular denosits of amyloid (d) an atypical reaction of the amyloid in the usual specific stain and (e) absence of a demonstrable underlying cause such as chronic suppuration

. Those of shopathic or primary tumor like amyloid deposits without a demonstrable etiological factor buch deposits are not to be regarded as true blastomas They occur most frequently in the upper air missages and the conjunctiva and less frequently in the bladder and stomach According to Lollah this type of amyloid is characterized by (a) multiplicity of lesions in the involved o gan especially the larynx (b) involvement of contiguous organs such as the cheek the tongue the langue and the traches in a similar manner (c) a transparent waxy appearance of the tumor and (d) absence of ulcera tion glandular involvement and pain

The case of amyloid deposits in the larvax which is reported by the authors was that of a mrl ometeen years old who presented the regional idiopathic

type of amyloidosis without involvement of adjacent organs The history of the case is supplemented by an illustration showing the gross larying iscome pic ture and two photomicrographs showing the de-

tailed structure of the lesion In a review of the literature the authors include

Statistical data on the incidence of the condition as regards sex localization symptoms onset appear ance recurrence differential diagnosis and therapy Radical removal by direct or suspension larvn goscopy followed by the intravenous injection of Congo red is recommended Good results and even

cures have been obtained by complete removal

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radiotherapy has been instituted. The authors are

theraps for the eradication of amyloid MINAS JOANNERS M.D.

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It is generally agreed that lary reofissure is indi cated when there is an isolated lesion on one vocal cord with both ends of the cord free from disease no subglottic extension and no impairment of the mo bility of the cord flowever cases of such lesions con stitute only a small percentage of the total number of carcinoms of the lary nx With regard to the advisability of lary ngofissure in case, in which the lesion extends to the anterior commissare or the subslottic space and the mobility of the cord is impaired opinions differ. The operation may be rendered more radical by subperichondral di section excision of the thyroid carrage postoperative coagulation and post operative radium trradiation

The extent of involvement of the adjacent tissue found on microscopic evarination varies with the grade of mal grancy. In cases of Grade a there is no involvement of the adjacent tissue whereas in the e of Grade a the extent of involvement of the adjacent tissues may be as great as 15 mm and averages 56 mm The procedure of choice in the treatment of the more malignant lesions is laryngectomy

As originally performed laryngectom; had a mortality of co per cent Today its mortality has been reduced to from 3 to 5 per cent. The improve ment has been due to the suturns of the trachial mucosa to the skin (Gluck) more accurate hemos tasts better clusure of the hypopharyngeal defect corking of the traches to prevent the aspirat on of blood and mucus and new methods of inducing apesthesia

Laryngertomy is possible if the patient is not too debilitated the disease does not involve the pyri form fossa or the base of the tongue the trachtal esophageal wall is not infiltrated and there are no metastases to the neck

In conclusion the author says that the difficulty of obtaining a proper speaking voice has been ex aggerated. A cure is obtained in from 75 to 8, per cent of cases of intrinsic carcinoms of the larynx

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Beck, J. C., and Guttman, M. R.: Carcinoma of the Larynx; Some Conclusions Derived from Personal Experience. Laryngoscope, 1935, 45-174.

Carcinoma of the larynx is responsible for 1 8 per cent of the total number of deaths from cancer. The authors review 500 cases of carcinoma of the larynx treated by them. Of the 108 treated surgically, total laryngectomy was performed in 86 and laryngofissure in 22

In some of the cases there was a history of abuse of the voice, and in a few, smoking, papillomas, or keratosis played a rôle in the development of the lesion. One hundred and twenty-four of the carcinomas were intrinsic. Of these, 113 involved the anterior two-thirds of a cord, 0, the ventricular bands, and 2, the ventricle Of the 13 extrinsic carcinomas, 4 involved the epiglottis; 7, the pyriform sinus, 1, the aryepiglottic fold, and 1, the post-cricoid region

Extrinsic carcinomas of the larynx, which the authors regard as inoperable, include growths involving epiglottis, the aryepiglottic fold, the post-cricoid region, the pyriform sinus, and the posterior two-thirds of the true or false cords. Also inoperable are the primarily intrinsic growths that involve these

areas by extension

Seventy-five per cent of laryngeal cancers become

inoperable because of delay of treatment

Of 72 carcinomas of the larynx studied by the authors, 69 were of the adult well-differentiated squamous-cell type and 3 of the transitional-cell type

Most malignancies of the larynx grow slowly and form metastases late The old theory that the cartilaginous laryngeal box prevents the spread of laryngeal cancer is incorrect as the larynx is open above, below, and posteriorly and is richly supplied with lymphatics

When palpable lymph nodes are found the prognosis is hopeless. Impairment of the mobility of a cord is not an early sign of cancer of the laryna, and normal mobility does not rule out malignancy Fixation of the cords did not occur in any of the 22 cases in which the authors performed laryngofissure, but resulted in every case in which a recurrence developed after laryngectomy Fixation of the cord

contra-indicates larvngofissure.

The authors results with irradiation therapy used alone have been unfavorable. The effects of X-ray irradiation were not permanent. The use of a 4-gm. radium pack at a distance of from 6 to 15 cm caused disappearance of the growth in several instances, but was followed by recurrence in a number of cases. The Coutard method of protracted fractional irradiation has frequently been followed by recurrence. However, the authors use irradiation as an adjunct to surgery.

Laryngofissure effects a cure in 80 per cent of the small number of cases in which it is indicated. Of the authors' 22 patients who were treated by this operation, all but 1 are alive Of the 86 who were treated by laryngectomy, 50 per cent are still alive at the end of five years. There was 1 operative death.

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#### SURGERY OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

BRAIN AND ITS COVERINGS, CRANIAL NERVES

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Following a hist meal review of the early success for disrates of a shreeses of the threat and a general summary of the symptoms of such abscesses, the submit describes his operative procedure in some detail. He believe that when the abscess is secondary to middle ever disease the meabs should first he explore! and Schwattze a operation should not be done unless the usual local indications for it are present.

In his procedure the dura mater is exposed hy removing the roof and the posterior wall of the mastoid cavity. In cases of cerebral abscess, the termen and the lateral wall of the middle cramul fossa are removed from below upward with the use of bone cutting forcers. In cases of rerebellar ab cess the dura mater as exposed beyond and below the sigmoid sanus to the cerebellar fossa of the occupital bone On the inner side of the sigmoid sinus Trautmann's area is often the pathway of infection from the an trum of the cerebellum. To attain this cranial exposure a vertical incision of the scalp temporal my the and personanum is made from the upper end of the original masterd increase and a horizontal incr sion is made in the plane of the Frankfort line (infra orbital supramental level) to expose the cerelellar forsa

The dura mater is not ed at the apparent site of investion whenever this can be determined. The at sees its opened with a special brain exploring forceps prompte tubes are attached to the percursons or position of the properties of the position of the properties o

Puusepp L The Clinical Aspects and Treatment of Brain Abacesses (7ur klinik und Therapir der Himabacesse) fol reuropoli estor 1934-13 66

This article is based on the author's observations in q, caves of brains abore seem as period of thirty years. Two hundred and suty four of the abstesses were due to war injuries and 2y were of non trau matic origin. Abscesses are among the most serious leaons of the brain and in the author so quinons con stitute one of the most hopeless condutions of surgical neuropathology. Including ab cesses of otogenous

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The results of operation depend upon the time at which the operation is performed the virulence of the bacteria the depth of the aliseess and the operative method. Of 23 cases of brain abscess which the author treated by puncture, recovery resulted in 60 per cent. Of ros cases in which the ordinary drain age method was used recovery resulted in only \$ per cent whereas of 215 cases in which the author's method of drainage was employed recovery resulted in as per cent. The factor having the most unfavor able effect on the prognos s 1 rupture into a ven tricle Of a patients who were operated upon for the brain abocess developing by continuity 41 per cent recovered and of 18 operated upon for ab sees es having their origin in the frontal sinus 46 I per cent recovered. In cases of late abscess following trauma the incidence of recovery was only 16 7 per cent whereas in a cases of late abscess without injury to the shull it was 75 per cent Ot 107 cases of ab scess following an open wound of the skull in which the wound remained opined and the pus was able to escape good results were obtained in 83 per cent whereas of the cases in which debridement was followed by primary closure of the wound good resuits were obtained in only 25 per cent Of 66 cases of true traumatic brain absce s that is abscesses

# SURGERY OF THE THORAX

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glossal nerve

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strophy of the tongue developed The author emphasizes that while neurinomas are frequently benign they may assume varcomatous Restat follivers M D characteristics

#### SYMPATRETIC NERVES

Caeiro J A Stellate Ganglionectomy (La estelec tomiai Semara med 1935 42 55

Caerro cives a detailed illustrated description of the surgical anytomy of the stellate ganglion and

discusses the comparative advantages of the cervical and the dorsal approach for removal of that

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He states that he usually prefers the cervical approach by which in some cases it is possible to exturpate the second thoracic ganglion. The dorsal route permits easy removal of the econd thorauc but not the intermediate ganglion. Lach opera tion complements the other for special indications If total destruction of all the sympathetic there of the head, neck and upper limb is desired resection of the intermediate, stellate and second thoracic gangha is necessary This is chilicult if only one Caerro uses the cervical route. However when it is evident at operation or from the clinical evolution of the case that the removal has been incomplete the costal operation must be done in order to extin pate the second thoracic gapghon

In all his operations both cervical and dorsal the author has succe sfully used simple infiltration with novocain and adrenalin. When the stellate ganglion to reached the tissues around it are in filtrated through an extremely nne needle and if possible a few drops of the anæsthetic are injected

into the ganglion

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#### TRACHEA, LUNGS AND PLEURA

Blackford, S. D. Pulmonary Manifestations In Human Tularemia A Clinical Study J. In M. 111 1935 104 891

This report is based on an analysis of the clinical evidence of pleuropulmonary involvement discovered in thirty five cases in which the diagnosis of tularemia was made by either an agglutination test or recovery of the organism

Physical and roentgenological signs of pulmonary consolidation were detected in seven cases. In this group the clinical criteria of tularemia were often iacking. Ulceroglandular lesions were apparent in only two cases. In the others, agglutination tests were made because of a fever of unknown origin or a chest condition of unproved etiology. The symp toms of pneumonia were variable. In all of the cases there was a cough without rusty sputum. Chills accompanied the onset of tularemic symptoms but were absent at the beginning of the pneumonia Chest pain was absent in five cases but severe in two The physical signs were those of lubular pieu monia In one case the involvement was both lobu lar and lobar The signs persisted for from three days to three weeks. The temperature fluctuated from 103 to 106 degrees F and in the cases of the patien a who survived the fever persisted after disappearance of the signs. The pulse rate was remarkedly slow in relation to the fever. The leucocyte count was within the normal limits. Three of the seven pr tients died Chriscal bronchitis was diagnosed in twelve cases In only seven of these was the branchitis uncomplicated. The seven patients with un complicated bronchitis gave typical contact his tories and exhibited the ulceroxlandular lesions of tudaremia

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In seven active cases an uncomplicated increase in the peribronchial markings was noted in the reentgenograms. In the majority there was some hames in addition to the thickening. This was

thought to represent an acute bronchitis or peri-

bronchitis rather than a simple fibrosis.

In three cases, roentgen examination showed a pleural effusion, but the roentgenograms were of no assistance in identifying the tularemic nature of the effusions. The discovery of fluid in the pleural space has been recorded in the reports of three of fourteen autopsies performed in cases of tularemia. Tularemia is therefore to be considered a possible, though rare cause of pleural effusion.

Lesions of peribronchial and bronchial lymph nodes have been recorded in the reports of three of fourteen autopsies. The glandular enlargement may be independent of lesions in the lung. Evidence of involvement of the hilus glands seen in roent-genograms may be ascribed to the puerile type of tuberculosis. Lymphadenitis was found roent-genologically in one of the authors' series of cases.

The residual changes in the chest following tularemia in twenty-four cases in which recovery resulted consisted of peribronchial thickening alone in nine, peribronchial thickening with apparently an excess of calcium in eleven, apparently an excess of calcium alone in four, mediastinal enlargement of undetermined cause in one, and mediastinal enlargement

within normal limits in two

When no previous roentgenograms are available for comparison it is difficult to estimate an increase in calcium deposits and peribronchial thickening following tularemia. Other causes of pulmonary fibrosis and calcification, such as the reaction to tuberculosis, could not be excluded. However the data are sufficiently suggestive to indicate the need for further observations.

It bas been demonstrated by roentgenograms that definite pulmonary changes are present in a high percentage of cases of tularemia. Every atypical chest condition occurring in tularemic territory should bave the benefit of a diagnostic agglutination

The article contains illustrative case histories and roentgenograms J Edwin Kirkpatrick, M D

Fiorini, E: Attempts to Produce Bronchiectasis Experimentally (Tentativi di riproduzione sperimentale di bronchiettasie) "Policlin, Rome, 1935, 42 sez chir 85

In view of the great diversity of opinion regarding the etiology and pathogenesis of bronchiectasis and the possibility that the condition may have multiple causes, Fiorini investigated experimentally the effect upon the bronchi of pleural adhesions and concurrent pulmonary sclerosis and retraction. Although the importance of pleural adhesions in the development of bronchiectasis has been estimated very diversely, it seemed logical to assume that if they acted at the same time at opposite points they might cause bronchial dilatation.

Extensive pleural adhesions were produced in twelve dogs by means of transpleural sutures. The operations were performed at intervals of one month at three sites a curve between the parasternal and paravertebral lines at the level of the ninth thoracic

vertebra, the parasternal border of the lung, and the diaphragmatic surface. Marked sclerosis and retraction of the lung were produced by alcohol injections into the corresponding parenchymal area twelve days after each operation. After intervals of from four to eight months the animals were killed and the lungs studied macroscopically, microscopically, and roentgenologically.

In no case was there the slightest change in the caliber, form, position, or structure of the bronchi In fact, the bronchi were the only structures which remained unaffected. The experiments therefore demonstrate that purely mechanical forces acting on the bronchi are insufficient to produce bronchiectasis in the absence of factors diminishing the re-

sistance of the bronchial walls

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O'Shaughnessy, L.: Surgery of the Lung Root. Lancel, 1935, 228 476

The author describes some of the less well known surgical procedures on the lung root, reviews the surgical anatomy of this region, and cites some of the dangers of operative interference

Three methods of approach to the lung root are used the transpleural, the anterior mediastinal, and the posterior mediastinal, depending upon the por-

tion of the root to be operated upon.

Since the development of the bronchoscope, operation on the bronchus is seldom performed for the removal of foreign bodies but is practicable in certain cases. In cases of obstruction of the lower air passages due to an inoperable tumor bronchotomy may be performed as a palliative measure. The author suggests bronchostomy on a main bronchus for the palliation of widespread suppurative disease of the lung. In cases of generalized infection this might be performed in two stages to insure the local formation of adhesions.

Operation on the pulmonary artery with ligation of the lobar branches has been done in cases of bronchiectasis. Ligation of this artery is followed, not by gangrene of the lung, but by a diffuse fibrosis. It is suggested that as ligation of a lobar artery is not satisfactory for the reduction of bemorrhage because of the rich anastomoses between the lobar branches, ligation of the pulmonary artery might be feasible

Operation on the pulmonary veins with ligation of one or more of the vessels produces a venous stasis which is accompanied by only very slight systemic disturbances. In several cases it has been of aid in arresting tuberculous processes. The author suggests that this type of operation may be used when larger operations such as thoracoplasty and the other collapse methods are impractical.

Operations on the nerves of the lung root for bronchial asthma are to be considered only in cases believed to be of neurogenic origin and only after

complete allergic tests have been made

JAY EUGENE TREMAINE, M D

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Monod R and Demirleau, J. The Technique of One Stage Lobectomy (Technique de la lobec tomic en un temps) J de chir 1735 43 376

I obectomy offers the only hope of care in extensive bronchicctass or localized bronchicctass that does not respond to the usual treatment and in cases of old pulmonary abscesses. It may also cure caucer of the lung if the diagnosis is made early and may be

applicable to well chosen cases of tuberculosus.

The technique used by the authors is similar to
that of Brunn as modified by Shenstone and Archibald. It offers the advantages of rapidity with minimal hock and trauma a better chance for expansion
of the remaining lobes and a closed thoragic wall.

The operation is best performed on patients to theen twenty and thirty years of age, who catchevascular system and blood pressure are normal. The patient should be carefully prepared. If expection tion is shundant, postural drawage or bronchial a partiant should be done. The patient should be given good general term of expected to the sublight be cleared up. Vacciner may be beneficial.

Pre operative pneumothorax offers many adtantages but phremeetom; is not advisable. The authors perform the operation under mirous oxide anesthesia induced preferably by the intratracheal

method

They give complete directions with regard to the repeative technique the position of che patient has been experiently experiently defined to the assistants and the instruments. Numerous title assistants along the method of freeing and removing the blook the suturning of the profice and the change the best wall. After the operation before the patient leaves the operating table aspiration of translated and the change the method of the chest wall. After the operation before the patient leaves them leaves the operating table aspiration of translate and bronch is performed to remove all remaining multiplic secretions.

maining puruent secretions.

The authors recommend postoperative transfusion of from 200 to 500 c cm of blood. Other treatment must be symptomatic and directed to

ward the prevention of heart failure elevation of the temperature and restlessness

Dramage continues from the chest for about three weeks and as a rule a bronchial fistula persists for whether the fistula causes no harm but care must be taken to avoid injecting Dakin's solution

into the chest

Care is usually complete after about six weeks

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#### HEART AND PERICARDIUM

Cola G Fluoroscopic Observations in Acute and Chronic Pericarditis (Os ervazions radiologiche nelle pencarditi acute e rom he) Radiol med 1905 22 125

The clinical diagnosis of pericard is although easy in some cases usually presents great difficulties which are often insurmountable by the ordinary methods of physical examination. While fluorocopic examination to a laway a infallable it is a standard or a form of the control of the contro

least relatively reliable and can be carried out

quickly

In cases of dry or fibrinous pericarditis in which the pathognomonic pericardial friction is absent, fluoroscopy reveals a beart which is not erlarged a decrease or disappearance of cardiac pulsations and a paretic or paralytic condition of the left half of the disabinarem.

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The cardiac movements may be studied by rocat gen ky mog aphy or by gastric insufficien as sug

gested by Maraglaro

In some cases the examination reveals a double contour at the right or the presence of a central and contour at the right or the presence of a central and looked but always exists in children as well as adults

Holmes maneuser by which the author attempts to demonstrate a broadening of the base and a reduction of the tran verse drameter helps to differentiate a neucardial effusion from the enlarged

beart of myocardius

In the latter condition the heart assumes a tr angulae shape and presents rectilinear contours the pulsations are weak and irregular but early identified with the aid of the kymograph and Holmes were is about

Fluoroscopy is of particularly great value in cases

of adherent persoardium

In cases of simple synechia a slight firstion of the heart and a systolic disturbance may be desected

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reduced or appear opaque and do not clear up with

the respiratory movements

Fluoroscopic examination permits also a study of Wenckebach's sign and the demonstration of variations in the diaphragmatic excursions and of diverticula of the esophagus due to traction

RICHARD E SOMMA, M D.

#### ESOPHAGUS AND MEDIASTINUM

Moersch, H. J., and Broders, A. C: Adenoma of the Esophagus. Arch Otolary ngol, 1935, 21 168

Benign tumors of the esophagus are of special interest because of their comparative rarity and because the majority of them are amenable to treatment. It is essential that they be recognized and distinguished from the malignant tumors, which are comparatively numerous and very resistant to all forms of therapy. Unfortunately, benign tumors lack distinctive clinical and roentgenoscopic features. The possibility of the presence of a benign tumor must be considered in all cases of dysphagia of unknown origin. Benign tumors can be accurately distinguished only by esophagoscopy and biopsy

The benign neoplasms which may involve the esophagus are the adenoma, fibroma, hemangioma, leiomyoma, lipoma, lipomyoma, myoma, myxofibroma, and papilloma. Among the rarest of these is the adenoma. The esophagus may be involved also by aberrant thyroid tissue, cysts, and polyps

The first adenoma of the esophagus was reported by Weigert in 1876 This tumor was discovered accidentally at postmortem examination There had been no symptoms referable to the esophagus Not long ago Hicquet and Jourdain reported a case in which the tumor was recognized and diagnosed clinically and the clinical diagnosis was confirmed by microscopic studies Recently Moersch and Broders observed a case with roentgenoscopic and

microscopic findings very similar to those reported by Hicquet and Jourdain. Because of the rarity of the tumor, the case was reported in detail.

Sophian, L.: Mediastinal Ganglioneuroma. .1nn Surg. 1935, 101 827.

Sophian reports a case of ganglioneuroma of the right upper cliest in which surgical removal of the neoplasm was followed by recovery. The patient was a girl seven and a half years old whose only complaints were a cough and fever persisting for eighteen months. The tumor was found to be extrapleural and encapsulated. It measured about 10 by 7 by 6 cm. Roentgenograms made two and a half years after its removal show no evidence of recurrence. The lung tissue completely fills the right apex.

In a review of the literature the author found reports of more than 100 cases of ganglioneuroma. Nearly one-half of the patients were under sixteen years of age and the greater number were females. As ganglioneuromas arise and develop along the cranial nerves and the sympathetic trunks (cervical, thoracic, and retroperitoneal), their anatomical relations depend upon the pre-evisting structures in which they arise. The success of their operative removal depends upon their location, size, depth, and proximity to large vessels. In the neck the occurrence of paralysis of the cervical sympathetic nerve is to be expected because of the close connection of this nerve with the tumor.

While the great majority of ganglioneuromas appear to be completely benign and of slow growth, some of them have been undoubtedly malignant Cases of multiple ganglioneuromas have been reported. There is a close gross and microscopic similarity between the benign ganglioneuroma and the neurogenic fibroma which has a marked tendency toward malignancy and recurrence

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#### SURGERY OF THE ABDOMEN

ARDOMINAL WALL AND PERITONEILM

Herzberg B. Operation for Crural Hernia by the Inguinal Route and Its Late Results (Lopera zione dell'ernia crizale per via inguinale e i sione n'ultati lontani). Irch ilil di chir 1935-39 9t

The author reviews 265 cases of crural herms operated on by the ingunal route at the Surgical Chinic of Lenngrad. This method was introduced by Wayar. Herchety finds at an excellent method by whoch to obtain access to the pertuneal found determine the contents of the hermal sar, and bring determine the contents of the hermal sar, and bring the content of the hermal sar, and bring the content of the hermal sar, and bring her content of the hermal sar, and bring the property of the incursal cases.

The musion is made below and parallel with Poupart a ligament. The transverse lascia is then incised and the crural herma brought into the inguinal canal. It necessary the hermal ring may be enlarged by jucising Gimbernat's higament.

The author's material shows that there is no danger of producing an inquini herms by this method. In cases of both inquinial and cereal herois produced in the procedure of choice. It may be performed also in cases of strangulated herms. In the latter thereits on of the neck of the size may be followed by section of Poupart's hysment which gives better access to the field of operation by surverse of the procedure of the size of the surverse of the ligament does not reduce the solidity of the abdominal wall

The late results in 151 cases show that the operation described is one of the most effective methods for the treatment of crural herms

ALDERY GOAS MORGAN M D

Köntrey E. A Case of Incarcerated Obcurator Hernia Cured by Operation (Openarier und gebeilter Fall von Hernia obturatoria mearcerata) Orientet és 104 24 113

The chinical importance of obturator herms is due to incarceration the characteristic symptom of which is also associated with the Hossiship-Romberg sign. Diagnosis of the uncomplicated herms is sel dom possible. The author reports a case in show the difficulties in the growth and operation.

His patient was a woman sixty two years old who complained of severe cramp the pain to the boser part of the abdomen of four davs duration. Meteor in was found. There was no extraoston of feets or fatus. Youngton occurred and the woman became of the complaints of the complaints of the patient complaints of severe pain in the left thigh. On the medial side, corresponding to the position of the adductors and the pectiness

muscle there was a painful area the sure of the pain of the hand over which the muscles were tente and leader. There was moderate fistion contractive as the hip pint A diagnous of left intercretated of turator herms was made. Operation was performed through the thipp. An attempt at blint enlargement of the hermal lorsifice and reposition was unsucces till Laparotomy was threefore performed. The os pubsic was spared through with a logh saw and the divided bone was specad, whereupon the incarrerated bone loops were easily drawn back into the pertonnoil control. The control of the contro

was complete after forty days. The author believes that in every case of iteus of unknown origin, especially in thin warmen, the power washingt of an inaccurrent obtained being the highest person of the public benefit and the best in the seems advisable to begin the operation by large rottony. Resection of the public bone is easily and amply does and protects best against acculiant injuries. The prognosis is less hopefort than the distribution of the public bone is a superior of the public bone of the

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Truster II M Reeves J R and Martin II E The Significance of Amerobic Organisms in Peritonitis Due to Liver Autolysis A Bacterio logical Study of the Peritoneal Exudates 4rth Surg 1953 59 317

The authors birst cite previou experiments reported by them which showed that clostridum welchi is not a normal inhabitant of dog fiver or dag muscle.

In experiments to determine the significance of anacrobic organisms in peritonitis due to hver autolisis they found that when pieces of liver re moved aseptically from one dog were introduced with the usual precautions for asepsis into the peri toneal cavity of another dop death resulted in a few hours and the perstoneal exudate contained not only the liver organism but other anaerobes normally found in dog muscle. They therefore concluded that they were probably contaminating the pieces of liver while placing them in the peritoneal cavity As such contactination might occur also when pieces of autoclaved hiver were introduced into the peri tonesl cavity the only logical method for introduction of the autoclived liver seemed to be in jection Accordingly the liver was ground fine enough to be injected through a 15 gauge needle

In experiments on two dogs in which the injection was made through a needle thrust into the pen toneal cavity through the midline death occurred

within fifteen hours In two other dogs a slit was cauterized well through the skin, fascia, and muscle, down to the peritoneum in the midline of the abdomen and the injection made through a needle introduced through the slit into the peritoneal cavity. These dogs did not die and did not develop In experiments on another series of peritonitis dogs aspiration of the peritoneal evudate at intervals after the injection showed that when autoclaved liver was injected intraperitoneally in an uncontaminated state it remained sterile until it was absorbed and did not cause death

In experiments in which incubated liver was similarly used death always occurred usually within a few hours after the injection All of the smears and cultures of the peritoneal exudate removed from these dogs were sterile The incubated liver seemed to contain some bighly toxic factor which was fatal A careful technique was devised for the withdrawal of peritoneal evudate without contamination of the peritoneal cavity

In another series of experiments the injection of a 10 per cent solution of the two bile salts caused death within a few hours Death was not due to

bacterial growth in the peritoneal cavity

As the various ineubated preparations of liver and the sterile bile salts caused an intense irritation of the peritoneal surfaces with much extravasation of blood and fluids, the authors believe that death was due to shock. EARL GARSIDE, M D

Breitmann, M. G.: The Problem of Draining the Abdominal Cavity in Cases of General Peritonstis. Ann. Surg, 1935, 101 662

The problem of draining the abdominal cavity in cases of general peritonitis is still unsettled According to the rules, the treatment of such cases requires (1) removal of the source of infection, (2) removal of the infected evudate and prevention of its further formation, and (3) restoration of the normal conditions of circulation

The inflammatory nidus must be removed by resection, extirpation, extraperitonealization, or attaching the unsafely closed or isolated organ to the peritoneum Restoration of normal conditions of circulation is best accomplished by complete closure

of the abdominal wound

With regard to the removal of the exudate from the abdominal cavity surgeons disagree Some believe that the peritoneal exudate is the sole means of defense possessed by the abdominal cavity, that the antibodies are removed with the exudate However, the majority are of the opinion that when the exudate becomes very purulent and contains intestinal matter, necrotic tissue, or some other foreign material it does more barm than good and should be removed at the time of operation

One of the strongest arguments against drainage of the abdominal cavity for the removal of exudate that is not removed at the time of operation is based on the fact that all drains are completely walled off from the rest of the abdomen within from ten to

twelve hours. The author believes that when drainage is required it can be accomplished best by inserting a drain between the anterior abdominal wall and the omentum where it will not be in contact with the intestines. He reports the use of such a drain in six cases with good results The drain did not become plugged but acted as a wick

SAMUEL PERLOW, M D

Runco, A.: The Mesenterium Commune (Sul mesenterium commune) Radiol. med , 1935, 22 147

In discussing the condition known as mesenterium commune, Runco reviews the most important theories regarding the genesis of the faulty development of the embryonic umbilical loop. From a study of his cases he concludes that this condition is due essentially to arrest of development of the intestine at about the tenth week, before the umbilical loop has begun to rotate around the axis formed by the superior mesenterie artery The result of such failure of rotation is a persistent mesenterium commune.

A persistent mesenterium commune may pursue an asymptomatic course for a long time, but sooner or later gastro-intestinal disturbances are apt to

develop

It is often impossible to demonstrate organie changes to confirm the chinical diagnosis. As a rule the patient's complaints suggest a functional rather than an organic disturbance The disturbances resemble the dyspeptie disturbances associated with marked vagal hypertonia

The frequent association of mesenterium commune with an organic lesion suggests a relation between the two in the sense that the mesenterium commune represents an area of diminished resistance which favors the development of organic lesions

Complications due essentially to hypermobility of the intestine are rare, but are apt to be serious, It is therefore important to keep the patient informed in order that he may receive prompt pro-

phylactic treatment

As the clinical manifestations are complex and never constant, clinical diagnosis is difficult, if not The disorder is usually confused with impossible | other conditions which occur much more frequently The diagnosis therefore requires a very careful roentgen examination of the entire gastro-intestinal tract. This should be made with a barium meal and enema and with the patient in the upright, recumbent, and possibly the Trendelenburg position in order that any organic lesion, stenosis, or occlusion may be promptly detected If necessary, the examination should be repeated and extended to include the urinary and biliary passages

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Milone, S, and Picco, A.: The Pathogenesis of Fibrous Retractile Mesenteritis (Sulla patogenesi della mesenterite fibrosa retrattile) ital di chir , 1935, 39 117

Fibrous retractile mesenteritis was first described in 1853, by Virchow, who called it "mesenteric cirrhosis. The various forms of the condition are now well known, but its etiology and pathogenesis are still undetermined.

The rasses to which the disease has been attributed include directative mirammetory processes prising in the intestine suppurative processes in meaning or the intestine suppurative processes in nearby organs conpensational defects and malformations in existing the superior of the superior organization of the peaked fraumass arteriorederous should be intorication, tuberculosa, syphilis, peoplasms, and worm in cleations. The authors believe that the most important factor is training. They review the literature control of the experimental work which support this control of the experimental work which support this

In a series of experiments exerted out by the authors on rabbits ligatures were placed about the principal lymphatic trunks with care to avoid in juring the blood vessels. In this manner the him phatic drainage of from 15 to 20 cm of the intestine was blocked. After varying periods the animals were killed and examined from their findings the authors conclude that the change produced by the blocking of the hymphatics passed through three stages in the first stage there was a diffuse edema of the mesentery with mobilization of the migratory elements especially the hi tocytes from the conpective tissue. In the second stage hyperplisia of the connective tissue resulted from new f broblistic probleration which at first was abrillary and then fundamentally circum cribed in bundles and cords with orientation chiefly perpendicular to the directron of the vessels. In the third stage there was ...cleross of the newly formed connective tissue bundies and cords with gradual replacement by collagen tibers and eventually retraction of the mesentery

The authors suggest also that the changes noted may have been associated with econders infection by a greatly attenuated organism which was able to enter this terrain through the missional wall because of changes produced in the latter by the lymph stass. However as such organisms could not be demonstrated it is possible that only tourism were active.

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Mead C II Mesentesic Lymphadenitis Simulating Acute Appendictits A Quantitative Study of the Size of Nurmal Mesentesic Lymph Nodes 4r 6 Nerg 19 5 30 49

Mead gives a comprehensive review of the litera time on tuberculous and not inhere times meantened inherent literature and reports a flustrative cases. As the condition is frequently deviced and diagnosed only at operation or autopsy. Mend sought to determine adds a tist diagnoses. The outstanding facts which he recognized from reports of cases in the interature were that in many of the recorded cases the way of the pixels was within normal limits and the simplom or existent construct. Although warning to be called the construction of the normal variation of the meanters, glands. Mead sought to exhabit, this fundamental later? The material studied consisted of the mesenteries obtained at suttops from 50c indicen aged from four and one half months prematurity to theshe pears. The specimers were fixed in formalin and the rich valual by mph nodes weeted fire later. It was found that the nodes returned to their original weight after two and one half months in the fung solution. Determinations of the weights were reade after this

Siz thousand and eight mesenteric lymph nodes obtained from the 50 mesentenes were examined The number of nodes ranged from 26 in a seven month premature infant to 189 in a full term s ill horn infant. The total amount of lymphoid tissue present in each mesentery ranged from 6 0208 to 18 654 gm The smallest node found weighed o coot gm and the largest 1 78 gm. There was an apparent steads increase in the total weight of the lympho d tissue of the mesenteries from birth to the twelfth year of age The smallest lymph nodes were located near the intestinal margin of the mesentery and the largest in the mesenteric root Visual differentiation is accurate as the apparent size of a node is fairly indicative of its weight FIRE GARATOF MED

#### GASTRO INTESTINAL TRACT

Friedemann M. The Contraversy Dee the Pylorus Alsa a Contribution on the Subject of Hydrochloric Acid and Gastric Uker (Der Strett um den Pheriner Zugleich ein Beitrag aum Tema Sal saeure und Vagengeschwuer) Zentrolli f Chir. Gaga p 268

The author denies that he always objects to re section for exclusion without removal of the polurus or always in 1885 on removal of the pylorus Acco d ing to his experience there in a considerable difference in the results not only of resection with removal of the uker but also of resection for exclusion whether the pylorus is removed or not. He reports briefly the cases of 12 patients subjected to resection for exclusion without removal of the pylorus. In 3 of these cases the primary operation was performed chewhere Three of the patients died Of the o pa tients who survived the ulcer recurred in 4 (44 4 per cent) although in the cases of 3 of the latter the primary resection performed by Finsterer's method was quite extensive. Three of the 4 patients with recutrence were permanently cured by a second operation in which the pylorus was removed. Of 6 cases in abut the author performed a resection for exclusion without removing the pylorus a recurrence developed in a In the cases in which resection for exclusion with removal of the pylorus was done in the author's chanc or elsewhere there were no re currences

On the basis of these results it appears advisable to attempt to remove the pylorus in every case. Of joo of the author's patients who were re-evanued after a Billroth I or Billroth II resection a recurrent under wa found in to 13 per cent), whereas in cases in which a more extensive gastru resection was done

the incidence of recurrence was only o 5 per cent When removal of the pylorus will render the operation dangerous it should not be attempted. Under such conditions resection for exclusion without removal of the pylorus or gastro-enterosotomy is the

procedure of choice

To determine the relationship of hydrochloric acid to gastric and duodenal ulcer the author carried out investigations in the cases of 600 patients in whom a gastric or duodenal ulcer was later proved by opera-Free hydrochloric acid was absent or below normal in 5 8 per cent and normal or above normal in 94 2 per cent A distinct difference was found between cases of duodenal and gastric ulcer, that is, between cases of ulcer situated near the pylorus and cases of ulcer situated at a distance from the pylorus since in the former the average acidity was higher than in the latter. From this observation it might be concluded that an ulcer in the region of the pyloric glands exerts a more marked stimulating effect on the chemical phase of acid formation than an ulcer situated elsewhere According to this assumption an ulcer situated near the pylorus would be the cause of the high acidity, whereas it is generally believed that the higher the acidity the more easily an ulcer is formed However, the hydrochloric acid content and the digestive activity of the gastric juice are by no means the only factors to be considered responsible for the formation of an ulcer The ulcer problem is much too complex to be solved by studies of hydrochloric acid secretion alone

Of 182 patients with recurrent ulcer proved by a secondary operation, the gastric juice of 99 was studied by the author for a shorter or longer period of time before the second operation. The hydrochloric acid was found increased above normal in 39 and normal in 51. It was therefore above normal or normal in a total of 90 cases. It was decreased or absent in only 9. In cases in which free hydrochloric acid was absent the author never found an ulcer even when a diagnosis of ulcer was made by the roent-

Of all the factors of importance in the causation of ulcer, acid formation is still most easily corrected Its correction is accomplished, not by diet or medical treatment, but by extensive resection of the stomach with removal of the pylorus. An extensive resection in which the pylorus is not removed is just as pro-

genologist

in which the pylorus is not removed is just as unreliable for this purpose as a small resection. After resection with preservation of the pylorus the incidence of recurrent ulcer is greater than after the so-called extensive radical operations. The latter fail to protect against recurrence when they do not limit the secretion of acid sufficiently. In cases treated by resection for exclusion without removal of the pylorus and in those treated by gastro-enterostomy the possibility of recurrence is always present, but recurrence is apparently less frequent after the former

operation than after the latter However, gastroenterostomy is a less severe operation which can be performed on debilitated patients

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Benedict, E. B: Chronic Gastritis. A Clinical Discussion Based on Gastroscopic Examination. New England J Med, 1935, 212 468.

The term "chronic gastritis" has been used to designate a variety of gastric disorders in many of which there are no actual changes in the mucous membrane Chronic gastritis with organic changes is a comparatively rare primary disease. The development of the Wolf-Schindler flexible gastroscope has now placed at our disposal an easy and positive means for making an accurate diagnosis of gastritis

The cause of chronic gastritis is not definitely known Dietary indiscretions, rapid and irregular eating, improper mastication, and the excessive use of tobacco and alcohol are undoubtedly of importance Chemical and bacterial factors and psy-

chogenic instability may also play a part

Chronic gastritis presents both gross and microscopic pathological changes. The gross changes consist of edema and reddening of the mucosa, excessive secretion of mucus, hypertrophy of the rugæ, granular, verrucous, or polypoid irregularity of the mucosa, areas of submucous hemorrhage, and mucous membrane hemorrhages with or without visible erosions. Some types of gastritis show a thin atrophic mucosa. Microscopic examination may reveal round-cell infiltration, glandular atrophy, goblet-call metaplasia, cystic enlargement of gland remnants, and proliferative changes in the mucosa. Variation in the amount of connective tissue proliferation in different areas leads to thickening or thinning of the mucosa.

The symptoms are vague and usually simulate those of peptic ulcer Hematemesis and melena are not uncommon. Gastric analysis shows hypo-acidity in most cases, but normal acidity and hyperacidity

are frequent.

With the flexible gastroscope it is now possible to inspect the gastric mucosa and note the variations from the normal The latter may consist of hypertrophic, verrucous, erosive, or atrophic changes As the different types may occur in varying degrees in the same stomach, a definite classification of chronic gastritis according to these findings is not possible in all cases. The predominant characteristic may be hypertrophy or atrophy with or without erosions The color and character of the mucosa are of great importance. In chronic inflammation the mucosa is redder than normal Frequently it presents a very glistening appearance Glairy, tenacious mucus may be prominent on the surface The rugæ may be enlarged and tortuous and their crests may be red-Often the mucosa between the folds presents a granular or warty appearance The atrophic changes in the mucosa are always easily recognized as the normal folds are partly or completely flattened out. Erosions may occur with either atrophic or hypertrophic changes They are small surface defects in the mucous membrane which may or may not be actively bleeding at the time of observation

The prognoss of chrono, gastinis must be guarded. There are likely to be remissions and relapses at though many patients are chincilly enturely releved after as the petend of treatment. In general, musor surface changes in the mucosa such as ero on and small areas of hemorrhage and hyperenus will heal completely but hypertrophic forms such as granu littons, verrucous humps and pseudo-polyps may remain refractory. When profuse a trophy of the musous membrane has occurred there is probably hittle chance of regeneration. However in a sense of case with permicous amenia which are reviewed by the author improvement in the gustroscope pecture was noted after undersone the relevancy.

SAMUEL J FOLELSON M.D.

Buechner F Peptic Castritis (Ueber peptische Gastritis) Deutsche med Il ehns he 1934 21 1460 The investigations of Mosekowicz Konietany, and Publ have led to a theoretical solution of the problem of peptic gastritis. This condition is charactenzed by erosions of the gastric murous membrane from which a fibrinous leucocytic is esuded According to Konjetzny and Puhl the gastric suice is not a factor in its development. However from the experiments carried out with hydrochloric acid and alcohol by Gottschick on cats at appears evident that the findings of konjetany and Publ may be interpreted differently Like Hamperl, Buechner has found in the stomachs of fresh cadavers and in resection specimens very small necroses of the mucosa invisible to the naked eve which very evidently were formed during life as they were of a fibringed character. These necroses could not have been ischemic as the epithelium and mesenchyme were equally involved and in 1 chemic lesions only the cotthelium is necrotic. They resembled the necesses produced by the erosion of mineral acids its weak concentration and apparently were caused by the hydrochloric and of the stomach konsettny and Publ failed to find them in their specimena because in every case in which gastric surgers in contemplated the operation is preceded by treat ment which prevents the r development. However, Buechner has now found these early changes in two resection specimens and Hamperl has observed them in one. As a rule they disappear in from twenty four to thirty six hours. The theory that they come stitute morphological evidence of the presence of a

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Henring and Norpoth that these lesions were only accidental findings and the claim of Fppinger and Leuchtenberger that they were due to direct action of the histamin on the blood vessels and not to an increase in the secretion of gastric juice produced by the histamin are denied by Burchner as the same effects produced by the gastric juice in the empty stomach under the influence of histamin were ob served by Iuhl and Brodersen Overeaard, and Madzueda in rabbits and guinea pigs. A severe peptic gastroduodenitis may be caused also by other substances which increase the secretion of easing piece (Hanke's experiments) and by nersous reflexes (Silbermann's sham feeding experiments) Beuchner does not accept the theory of ll estphal that assomotor disturbances are factors in peptic erosion. In conclusion he says that the role of the secretion of the empty stomach which is apparently the most important factor remains to be deter mined (FRANK) SINCEL I FOTELSON MID

Ogilvie, W II Some Points in the Operation of Gastrectomy Brit W J 1952 5 451

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The functional failures of gastrections may be classified into three main groups (2) recurrent ul ceration (2) postoperative discomilors and (3) anemia As the dangers difficulties and failures are closely related the author discusses them together to avoid repotition

With the possible exception of nitrous oxide all anesthetics are to a varying degree twent poisons which administered in sufficient concentration for a sufficient time may slone cause shock and in combination with prolonged its ue handling are certain to have such an effect. It is therefore de irable to have such as effect. It is therefore de irable to

Spinal anesthesia at the avoid general anesthesia level of the diaphragm is uncertain and has too profound an effect on the blood pressure to be safe There remains therefore only local anesthesia, either alone or in combination with the use of nitrous oxide Following proper premedication and and oxygen splanchnic infiltration, pain is entirely abolished, relaxation of the abdominal walls is complete, respiratory movements are slow and shallow, the blood pressure is not elevated, and the capillaries are not By splanchnic infiltration the technical phase of the surgery is so remarkably simplified that any surgeon is able to save the twenty minutes required for the injection of the anesthetic. In the postoperative stage following local anesthesia the patient is able to take fluids by mouth immediately.

Access is most difficult and accuracy most essential for high gastrectomy in the neighborhood of the left gastric artery, at the cardiac end of the lesser curvature, and at the duodenum. A median incision is recommended There never is any necessity to go below the umbilicus, but the incision may be prolonged upward to the level of the xiphisternum and may there extend 2 in above the perimedian ap-

proach

On the basis of the embryological development of the great omentum and the absence of anastomoses between the omental blood vessels and the colon, the author recommends that the omentum and colon be separated by running a knife along the bloodless plane between them which is close to the colon This opens the old plane of adhesions and renders it easy to separate down to the posterior abdominal wall, restoring the fetal condition. When this is done correctly, ligatures are required only at both ends of the gastro-epiploic arch, i e, one at the origin of the right vessel from the gastroduodenal artery and the other near the spleen. For preservation of an adequate circulation for the omentum the omentum should be separated proximal (gastral) to the gastroepiploic arch The common technique of gastrectomy in which the vessels of the omentum are tied 2 in. from the gastric curvature is anatomically wrong and technically a waste of time It is wrong because division of these vessels cuts off the entire omental blood supply, rendering the omentum a bloodless fat graft destined to become fibrous and promote adhesions

Ogilvie has simplified his technique of gastrectomy by avoiding the duodenum which is one of the chief hazards of abdominal surgery. He states that the duodenum has many dangers peculiar to itself. It has a large, thick, and phable muscular wall which is difficult to suture and infold. It has a very abundant supply of blood vessels, the most troublesome of which are those from the pancreas. Ogilvie has found that after the duodenum is separated from the pancreas for about 34 in. a simple pursestring suture is safe without the row of infolding sutures usually recommended. He crushes the duodenum at the point selected for division, ties it firmly with a silk ligature in the crushed groove, introduces a

pursestring suture from III to IX on the pancreatic side and from III to IX laterally, and then ties over this pursestring suture a second pursestring suture which includes the cut tip of the peritoneum on the

head of the pancreas

He states that if access of acid gastric juice is entirely and permanently prevented by division of the pyloric end of the stomach, a duodenal ulcer will heal and remain healed Transverse division of the stomach 2 in. proximal to the pylorus is therefore quite as efficacious in gastrectomy for ulcer as the usual duodenal occlusion. In both resection for cancer and resection for ulcer the removal of the stomach must be thorough. At least three-fourths of the stomach must be resected. In this resection the left gastric or coronary artery should be ligated right gastric or pyloric artery may be ignored as a textbook mythical structure Ogilvie prefers Finsterer's modification of the Polya resection this procedure the opening in the gastric fragment remaining after resection is closed, beginning at the lesser curvature, by 2 or more rows of sutures so that the infolded line extends nearly to the cardia. The jejunum is anastomosed to the remaining half of the opening, the distal loop is anastomosed to the greater curvature, and the proximal jejunum is later sutured to the closed part of the stomach. In this manner the suture line is re-inforced and a thick valve of gastric and jejunal wall is interposed between the gastric outlet and the proximal loop Regurgitation into the duodenum is therefore effectively controlled.

The common causes of failure of gastrectomy—postoperative vomiting, postprandial discomfort, and proximal loop distention—have already been combated by the described Finsterer gastrectomy Recurrent ulcers can develop only if the postoperative acid level remains high, as may be the case when the resection has been too conservative.

Recent study suggests that the anemia following gastrectomy has no relation to the amount of stomach resected but is dependent upon the functional disturbance produced by the operation An equally severe anemia may follow gastro-enterostomy. In the absence of gastro-intestinal disturbances, the anemia associated with gastrectomy responds readily to the administration of iron and ammonium citrate by mouth

In 140 patients followed by Ogilvie after gastrectomy no change was found in the blood picture

SAMUEL J FOGELSON, M D.

Kirshbaum, J. D.. Submucous Lipomas of the Intestinal Tract as a Cause of Intestinal Obstruction. Ann Surg, 1935, 101-734

Kirshbaum states that lipomas of the gastrointestinal tract are usually an incidental finding at autopsy or operation. Occasionally, however, they are the cause of acute or chronic intestinal obstruction. The submucous type is more common than the subserous. In a series of 5,754 consecutive autopsies performed at the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, since 1929, 9 lipomas of the gastro-intestinal tract were found. Only 1 was in the stomach. Three were in the jepumur 3 in the sleem and 2 in the colon. Fight were situated in the submuces. In 2 cases the tumor caused intestinal obstruction. In 3 of these it became sequestrated mobilized and lodged in the lower isleam where it occluded the lumin. In the other it caused intissusception of the distal 8 in of the isleam into the caream. In both cases death resulted and autopsy disclosed diffuse pertonities.

Lipomas were the second most frequent type of beingn tumors of the gastro intestinal tract encountered in the 5.754 autops es. The diagnosis of submiccous lipoma of the inte times be practically rever made during life. John W. Nexbu MD.

Mand! F Further Experiences with Radical Operation for Corcinoma of the Rectum (Westere Frishruppen zur Lähkeloperation des Rectumarismons) Zentrall f Chi. 1934 p. 2046

Mandi who in some reported on a some consortal operation for catcinoms of the pretum from von Hochenege a Clinic presents in this article an enhancing review of the 113 operations he performed in the period from 122 to 1613. Of the latter 54 were strictly sextel operations 23 were extended secral operations by the metho 161 Goette and Mandi were abdominosarial operations and the rest were other operative procedures. The first group were other operative procedures. The first group were followed by 6 postoperative dentals the second by continue to the the preferred procedures, have a mortality of less than 12 oper cent of the author a case. There are 4, possible type of secral operation

One type is the extended sacral operation proposed by Mandl and Coetze. If sufficient bowed cannot be removed to permit the drawing through procedure the operation is completed by a sacral analysis the preservation of the phincient is possible.

In cases of high lying tumor opening of the pert toneum from above downward may be difficult. If it cannot be done the bowel must be divided below the tumor between 2 clamps and the peritoneum opened from below upward

Sometimes it is impossible to free the posterior facult because the tumor is fixed posteriorly. The tumor must then be freed from the side and the cul de sac opened from below

The old sacral operation consists of division of the dorsal insues at one level. The hori outsile arranged its sues are not removed and the superior hemorphoidal artery is ligated relatively late. This method is not radical but Mandl and others were able to report very good results from it up to 10 o

The article contains a series of photographs of specimens removed by the sacral rune. They show that as much of the bowel may be removed by this method as by the combined speciation.

Electro urgery was used by Mandl in 10 ca e of dorsal rectotom. I reliminary colostomy did not appear to be e sential. Rectotomy protects the patient from the threatened iteus but permanent results can scarcely be expected from it

Mandi favors very active treatment of recurrences and metastases since unexpected results may be attained thereby. He states that stenoses about the sacral anus are frequently mistaken by the practitioner fo local recurrences. Dilatation is best carried out by means of Jaminaria tents.

For preservation of the anis the drawing through procedure of thochenery is doubtless best. Some times the so called secondary drawing through operation is successful. This is done by dividing the sphinter in one plane and entirely freeing it from its muosa. The operation is performed under spinal areathesis. If preliminary colosiom, is necessary controlled to the present in spiral colon instead of the centil. The patient is supere colon instead of the factory results were obtained by the author with any form of irradation.

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## LIVER GALL BLADDER PANCREAS

Caroll J and Benoft II So Called Medical Retenus and its Surgical Treatment A Study of Irs Clinical Aspects Pathogenesis and Therapy (22) telest dits med caux et leur transement charagoal Etude chinque pathogenesis et therapeutque/ Red echr Par 1935 54 37

Surgery of the bilary tract has not followed the progress of dear relative to the medical forms of returns. Originally so called caterabal pumbles when excessively chronic sevened to demand surgical drainage as the cause of the interior was upposed to be a mucus plug (1 virohuy) or assenting choisin goins (i libert). Attait time, however surgery of the bile passages was not well developed and later because of a change in the conception of the pathol or surgery on seven deterred from, treating what

appeared to be a purely medical condution. It is now known that extartial joundre is a mast featation of hepatic necrosis an acute yellow attophing an instature. Theoretically surgery would be use less if not damperous in the treatment of such a lesson. However, in the course of years a number of pattents with extartial joundre have been operated upon by error and instead of hemy dissatious the operations had benefitted results. The first observations of this, and over experted as come fence where the control of control of the control of the control of the control of the control of control of the co

The first operation for acute yellow atrophy was reported in rorp by Umber In 1700 Huber and kausch reported 3 cases of the condition treated surgically and in 1022 Euron reported 2 Brown was the first to point out the value of surger) was the first to point out the value of surger) in high practic degenerations. In the theory that daysiness of the bile passages may play an etiological rôle was first advanced on 20 x by Roy and the logical rôle was first advanced on 20 x by Roy and the logical rôle was first advanced on 20 x by Roy and the logical rôle was first advanced on 20 x by Roy and the logical rôle was first advanced.

In the etiology of medical icterus age and sex are of no importance. The chief factor is apparently geographical. Icterus is particularly frequent in Germany, especially in the Rhineland. The immediately exciting causes are obscure except in a few cases in which the condition is attributable to typhoid fever, syphilis, salvarsan, food poisoning, or pregnancy. Occasionally the icterus is epidemic

In certain cases of liver necrosis there is fever with pain and an increase in the size of the liver These symptoms have sometimes led to operation for supposed cholelithiasis or cholecystitis. In some of the cases reported there was marked cachexia

In the course of operations much information has been obtained regarding the lesions underlying the medical forms of icterus. The descriptions of the gross findings vary and on the whole are rather incomplete. The liver may be large or small. It is frequently nodular. Microscopically, the lesions are essentially the same regardless of the anatomical condition of the bile passages. In 31 of 45 biopsies the diagnosis was acute atrophy. The degree of involvement was variable, but the central portions of the lobules were particularly affected. The portal areas were always heavily infiltrated by lymphocytes, and portal cirrhosis was present.

In about half of the cases the bile passages were dilated in some segment or throughout their course. Although organic obstruction was absent, lipiodol injected through the biliary fistula after drainage was sometimes arrested at the ampulla. There was no evidence of compression by the pancreas. Spasm of the spbincter of Oddi seemed to be the simplest

explanation of this phenomenon

In some cases in which the bile passages were not dilated a general narrowing was demonstrated either by the passage of sounds or the use of lipiodol By the latter, Berard and Mallet-Guy demonstrated narrowing of the common duct and absence of peristalsis

In the pancreas, changes were rare and of slight degree (induration)

Drainage was always followed by cessation of the hepatic pain and fever, rapid clearing up of the icterus, and improvement of the general condition As far as can be determined, the cures were permanent

The manner in which operation benefits the patient when the bile passages are normal and especially when intervention is limited to simple exploration of the abdomen remains unexplained. Various hypotheses have been advanced. The authors believe that in such cases the icterus is due to a functional disturbance of the bile passages affecting motility.

The indications for operation are persistence of the icterus for four months or more, pain, and fever. The operation of choice is usually cholecys-

tostomy

The duration of the drainage is determined by the character of the bile and the clinical progress of the patient. The bile often contains large quantities of

mucus. The drainage should be continued until the bile has assumed its normal character. The injection of lipiodol through the fistula furnishes information of importance regarding the condition of the bile passages and aids in the proper choice of treatment for persistent stasis

ALBERT F. DF GROAT, M D.

Denk, W.: Results of Surgical Treatment of Chronic Ieterus (Erfolge der chrurgischen Behandlung des chronischen Ikterus) Wien klin Wehrschr, 1934, 2 1153

Statistics on the results of surgical treatment of chronic icterus are limited The general practitioner regards the prognosis of operation in this condition as very unfavorable. This attitude is not correct The dreaded cholemic hemorrhages can be effectively prevented or controlled by blood transfusion (Domanig's reports) Delay of blood coagulation may be combated by the intravenous injection of afenil or 5 c cm of a 10 per cent solution of calcium chloride on three successive days The findings of liver function tests are not entirely reliable indications of the postoperative course to be expected. It is certain that the latter cannot be predetermined from either the intensity or the duration of the icterus However, it is important to avoid chloroform and avertin narcosis and to employ ether only in emer-Operation is best performed under local, splanchnic, or nitrous oxide anesthesia. The gall bladder should not be removed, at the most, cholecystotomy may be performed for the removal of stones A diagonal choledocbotomy should be done When stones cannot be palpated a roentgenogram should be made on a sterile film introduced behind the mobilized duodenum Forcible sounding of the papilla should be avoided. Inability to pass the sound may be due to catching of the sound in the mucous membrane, spastic occlusion of the sphincter of Oddi, or cicatricial changes. The duodenum must be opened and the papilla examined and possibly split External drainage of the common duct is not necessary, but drainage should be established in the operative area with a thin tube and wicks

In a total of sixty-one operations there were eight deaths-five due to hepatic insufficiency, one to pneumonia, one to anuria, and one to pancreatitis. In sixteen cases in which operation was performed after the icterus had been present from two to four weeks there were four deaths-tbree due to hepatic insufficiency and one to pancreatitis. In twenty-two cases in which operation was performed after the icterus had been present for from four to eight weeks there were three deaths—two due to hepatic insufficiency and one to anuma In thirteen cases in which operation was performed after the icterus had been present for from two to six months there was one death which was due to pneumonia In ten cases in which operation was performed after the icterus had been present longer than six months there were no deaths. Three patients treated by anastomosis and four treated by transduodenal choledochotomy

died of hepatic insufficiency.

These figures induste that the longer the duration of the reterms the less the danger of death. Therefore in the acute febrile stage of complete ords us of the ble dusts the treatment should be methed if possible. However, the choice of treatment is difficult because of the danger of perforation of the gall will be the danger of perforation of the gall of the danger o

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the liver with Ascites Ann Su 1035 to: 801 The report is based on a study of iwenty two adequately followed cases of purtal circhosis of the liver with ascites which were treated by omentopexy Fifteen of the patients were males. The soungest patient was twelve years old and the oldest sixtyeight years. The average age was forty one years The average duration of symptoms before the opera tion was eleven months. Forty three per cent of patients gave a history of alceholic excess. Jaundice was ore ent in only 21 per cent and was mild Ascites was present in every lase. Its average dura tion before the operation was six months. The operation performed was either the Schusse modification of the Talma Mon on technique with suture of the amentum to the panetal pentoneum or some other variation in which the omentum was placed in the properitoneal tissues or in or between the solit rectus muscle fibers

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Glullani M. Hypercholeaterinemia as a Cause of Hepatic Calculosis (Lupercoleaterina nella pato genesa della calculosi epatica). Archi itali di chir 1935 19 Ct.

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Sabadini, I., and Curtillet, E: Intraperitoneal Biliary Effusions Without Apparent Perforation of the Biliary Tract (Les épanchements biliaires intra-péritonéaux sans perforation apparente des voies biliaires). J. de chir, 1935, 45° 191

When, in exploration of the peritoneal cavity, a generalized peritonitis with free bile in the peritoneal cavity is found, the stomach, duodenum, liver, and the extrahepatic biliary tract should be immediately examined for perforation. When no perforation can be found, a very interesting pathological problem is presented. The author discusses this problem on the basis of four clinical cases and experiments on animals. Cholelichiasis is almost invariably present, and commonly there is an occlusion of the common bile duct by either a stone or a pancreatic lesion.

The condition occurs more frequently in women than in men As a rule there is a history of intestinal disturbance over a period of years Sometimes there is a history of typhoid fever The onset of the immediate illness is usually very sudden and associated with excruciating pain. The pain is generalized over the epigastrium, and not referred to any particular point The temperature is invariably clevated, and in some cases there is a very high fever. In contrast, the pulse rate, although it may be elevated, is rarely very high The abdomen is very tender and presents a generalized muscular defense. Jaundice is A peritoneal reflex is always noted rare When the effusion is walled off a tumor mass may be palpated. In nearly all cases bilirubin may be recovered from the urine

In most of the cases a diagnosis of appendicitis with peritonitis is made. At operation, a biliary effusion is found in the free peritoneal cavity. This may or may not be sterile. The size of the gall bladder is usually surprising. The color of the gall bladder is usually grayish, indicating impending gangrene, but no perforation can be discovered. In none of the cases on record was a true gangrene of the gall bladder found. The wall of the gall bladder is often edematous and sometimes definitely infiltrated and indurated.

The treatment is always operative. All conservatively treated cases have been fatal. In cases treated surgically the prognosis is rather good. The operative procedure usually indicated is drainage of the abdominal cavity with cholecystostomy and choledochotomy or cholecystectomy and choledochotomy.

The author reviews all of the reported cases
William C Beck, M.D.

Lipshutz, B.: Acute Cholecystitis. Ann Surg,

This article is based on twenty consecutive cases of acute cholecystitis in which operation was performed within from three to twenty-four hours after the patient's admission to the hospital. In more than half of the cases the operation was done within twelve hours. In a few it was delayed for forty-

eight hours for better preparation of the patient. The literature presents evidence demonstrating that it is often impossible to determine the extent of the inflammatory process in the gall bladder or, especially in the aged, the presence of perforation, by clinical examination

Because of the possibility of perforation and other complications such as peritonitis, ileus, and cholangeitis, the author beheves early operation is indicated. He states that early removal of an acutely inflamed gall bladder should decrease the incidence of pulmonary complications as the latter are dependent in part on reflex fixation of the diaphragm Immediate operation is frequently contra-indicated by advanced age, marked obesity, advanced cardiovascular disease, severe diabetes, and pulmonary tuberculosis

Cholecystectomy is the operation of choice unless the patient's condition permits only cholecystostomy. The latter is carried out in desperate cases and under only local anæsthesia.

ARTHUR S W TOUROFF, M D

Gentile, A.: Cholecystogastrostomy and Hepatitis: An Experimental Study. Arch Surg, 1935, 30 449

Gentile states that if a gastric pouch separated from the current of food is formed, cholecystogastrostomy can be performed on the dog under conditions more nearly comparable bacteriologically with those under which the operation is performed on human beings

In experiments performed by him on twenty-five dogs the preliminary formation of a gastric pouch resulted in hepatitis. This change was less in degree than that resulting from the ordinary experimental performance of cholecystogastrostomy.

In twenty-two dogs on which Gentile performed a cholecystogastrostomy in a gastric pouch closed at the upper end, the hepatitis found at various periods after the operation was no greater in degree than that found following the preliminary operation

The evidence therefore tends to refute the theory commonly held by surgeons that hepatic infection is a dangerous sequel to cholecystogastrostomy

Minas Joannides, M.D.

Zampa, G.: The Effects of Denervation of the Cystic Duct (Sugh effetti dell'enervazione del dotto cistico). Arch ital di chir, 1935, 39 189

The probable importance of the nerve supply of the biliary tract in disease processes has been referred to often in the literature, especially by Meltzer The author briefly reviews the two theories regarding the mechanism of emptying of the gall bladder. (1) that the emptying takes place by forcible expulsion through the cystic duct, and (2) that it occurs chiefly by absorption. The literature contains numerous references to the interrelationships of the musculature of the gall bladder, the neck of the gall bladder, the musculature of the lower end of the common duct, and the sphincter of Oddi

The author reports a series of experiments in whi h he studied the gail bladder and its function after attempting to destroy the nerve plexus of the gall bladder neck by the local application of phenol. The experimental animals were rabbits and does

In the experiments on rabbits the results were not umform possibly because of thinness of the gall bladder wall and deep penetration of the acid. In general there seemed to be stasts of a mechanical

In the experiments on dogs a 50 per cent solution of phenol was used Studies of the gall bladder at varying stages revealed evidences of stasis. The external appearance of the gall bladder and cystic duct were not markedly changed. It hen the gall bladder was opened the bile was usually found thickened dense dark and viscid. It contained a large quantity of mucus and in some instances was gelatinous and adherent to the mucosa Frequently it con tained precipitates of bile salts of varying size. As a rule the mucosa presented marked rug and populæ and was opaque and discolored much as in catarreal cholecystitia. The cystic duct remained pervious. In one animal it was dilated. In no animal was the rail bladder dilated. The author attributes

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In acute pancreatitis the glandular necrosis re sults from abnormal activation of the paocreatic juice in the substance of the gland. This causes liberation of lipase and anislase harmorehage into the gland shock and intersection from the products of autodigestion, and his pergli cæmia from the effect on the island of Langerhaus

The treatment should conside of early operation to drain the pascreas and exteriorize the products of approducestion. In addition, any condition that can be recognized as a po thie cause such as di case of the gall bladder and bile ducts pentic ulcer or duodenal stenosis should be treated if the condition of the patient permits further operative measures In disease of the ble passages, cholecustostomy or dramage of the common bile duct is indicated. Since activation of the pancreatic pince is normally brought about by secretin and this in turn appears in the duodenum in the presence of acid chyme from the stomach the stomach should be laugeed with mild alkaline solutions to remove its contents and neutralize the acid General anasthesia and atro one may be found of aid in reducing the amount of secretin. There is some experimental evidence that certain salts and other medicaments may arrest the action of activated trypsin but their use is still in the experimental stage. The hypochloricmia should be treated by replacement with chlorides Hyperglycamia, if present, should be treated by giving insulia MAY M ZPOUNCER M D

Bernhard F The Surgery of Acute Pancreati Diseases (Die Chirurgie der akuten Pankreasen krankum,en) Zentratot f Chie 1935 p 71

This article gives a very excellent review of the information regarding acute pancreatic necrosis that has been gained in the past hie years. Today as formerly disease of the pancreas is believed to be preceded by disease of the biliary tract in almost oo per cent of cases Entrance of bile into the main duct of the pancreas leads to activation of the pan creatic some with its serious effects in only 20 per cent of cases Such penetration without detrimental effect has been found also during the course of other examinations such as cholangiography whole the severity of the disease depends not upon activation of the pancreatic juice in the excretory ducts but on the activation of the june in the gland lobules The pancreas is irritated in disease of the biliary tract much more frequently than was for merly supposed. The stritation leads to the escape of ferments which is evi lenced by the appearance of diastase in the urine. This may be observed in every severe gall stone attack. Therefore a persi tent in crease of diastase in the urine is an absolute indica tion for operation in the early stages of the discuse The arritation extending to the pancreas from the behars tract is considered to cause a valualar paser which in turn leads to malnutrition of the gland tissue and the appearance of abnormal protein substances which activate the trypun. The condition is aggravated by the vacus stritution which always accompanies an acute gall stone attack and leads to increased secretion of pancreatic juice with its deleterious effects upon the damaged organ. It is evident that if the origin of nancreatic necrosis is believed to be evogenous from the panerestic duct immediate operation i indicated whereas if it is bel eved to be endogenous from vascular spann de

lay of operation is indicated The pathologico anatomical stages are (x) pan creatic edema (1) pancreanic edema with fat necrous (a) hemorrhage into the organ (a) necross with areas of oftening and (c) discha ge of ti we particles and suppuration. Three chinical stages a c recognized (1) the stage of pain with characteristic radiation to the left shoulder (2) the stage of ileus and (3) the stage of peritonitis Disturbances of ex ternal and internal secretions and disturbances of a general nature are of diagno.. tic significance. As the pancreatic pure reaches the bloud diastase is demon strable and is found especially in the urine. The demon tration of trypein in the blood and urine can rot yet be evaluated but the test for hyave in the blood is recommended for larger clinics because it is pos tive for a longer time than the test for diastase 19 the nrine Desteu tion of the islands of Langerhans and destruction of insulin by the trypsin are man fested by hypergly renua and the excretion of sugar in the urine. The most exact tindings are obtained by examination of the blood especially glucose toler ance tests General di turbances are evidenced particularly by a marked increase in the leucocyte count, which may increase to from 50,000 to 60,000 An increase in the leucocyte count up to only 25,000 suggests a milder involvement which may subside spontaneously Higher counts indicate severe disease. A reduction in the leucocytes indicates improvement Only in the most severe cases does the organism become unable to produce a leucocytic reaction. The marked protein destruction occurring in severe cases is evidenced by the appearance of albumin and a large amount of brick-dust sediment in the urine The appearance of urobilinogen and, at times, of urobilin indicates the degree of liver damage which is, of course, of great importance in the prognosis If oliguria or urinary suppression occurs with a corresponding increase in the residual nitrogen and indican in the blood, the operative prognosis is very poor.

With regard to the indications for operation there are still two opposing views. According to one, early operation is necessary. According to the other, the management should be expectant and operation performed when required in the given case. The two views may be bridged by modern diagnostic information since, on the basis of this information, mild cases may be recognized as such and treated conservatively. In the stage of pain and the stage of ileus in not-far advanced cases it is always possible

to achieve a recession of the pancreatic manifestations by conservative measures. In the peritonitic stage, operation should always be done. If an expectant course is decided upon, maximal doses of morphine should be given with maximal doses of atropin to overcome the vagus irritation and the vascular spasms Even if this treatment is successful, operation should be performed later-in the period from the second to tenth week-for treatment of the existing disease and prevention of recurrence of the complications At operation, the circulation should be especially considered Spinal anesthesia is contra-indicated Local anesthesia supplemented with an ethyl chloride rausch is advisable. In milder cases the treatment may be limited to the biliary It is not absolutely necessary to split the pancreatic capsule It is sufficient to pack off the pancreas

In the after-treatment, an intravenous drip should be used to improve the circulation. Insulin may be added to the solution to improve the carbohydrate metabolism, or heparin, Congo-red, and try paflavin to overcome the try psin poisoning. The possibility of pleural empyema, which not infrequently supervenes, and of pancreatic fistulas, pancreatic cysts, and fatal secondary hemorrhages must be kept in mind. (Max Budde) Leo M Zimmerman, M D.

## GYNECOLOGY

#### UTERUS

E oldenberg-Bayler S The Condition of Uterine Fibromas After the Menopause (Considerations sur letat des fibremes uterns sprès la ménopause) Cynécologie 1935 34 39

The author etates that with the cessation of or a rian function at the menopause uterine fibromas frequently become latent and may undergo con siderable atrophy. On the other hand, the symptoms

may reappear after a period of latency

Of 322 nomen with utering fibromas who were treated in the Guncedingreal Department of the University of Bucharest in the period from 1921 to 1933 only 1st had passed the menopause. Nincot the latter were subjected to operation. In most cases the symptoms arring in the menopause are due to de generation of the tumor or to some 1830c ated uter nee or adversal lesion.

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In the majority of the cases the symptoms were aggravated by an associated lesson—in I case by a carcinoma of the cervix and in 4 cases by overtan

cysts
Recurrence of bleeding after the menopause en case, of uterine shroma is not recessarily an indication of malignant degeneration of the timos. I eleve the control of the control of

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In local radium therapy intensitial apple and radium puncture) is more and more being replaced by intractival application because of the difficulty recently application because of the difficulty recently application because of the difficulty recently application and the dargers (necross fistula formation) in the former method. Radon and rad un are being used instant of mesonhorum. If taxion with from 1 to 2 mm of platinam or with lead copper, or silver in corresponding equivalent is being universally employed. The application used for the certure are in the form of capacies which we can be supported to the certure are in the form of capacies which we can be supported to the certure are in the form of capacies which we can be supported to the certure are and those used for the profit consist of fast of which a future pairs apparatus to be placed of fast of which are a future pairs apparatus to be placed of fast of which are formations and the consistency of the placed of fast of which are a future pairs apparatus to be placed of fast of which are the placed of the

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The author discusses the various methods em ployed especially those used in Paris and Stockholm but also those employed in England, Germany Italy and Belgium citing their advantages and disadvantages The total dosage varies between , 000 and 8 000 mgm administered simultaneously from the uterus and vagina in the proportion of two thirds to one third or vice versa. Radium theraps at a distance has the disadvantage of requiring a large amount of radium. Other duadvantages of this treatment are the difficulty of protecting the rest of the patient's body and the attendants from the arradiation and the difficulty in securing correct placement of the radium bomb 'Yost apparatus are made for the use of 4 gm of radium at a distance of to em, with an exposure of from three to four hours daily The results are not yet definite. In Pari better results are apparently being obtained today than formerly but only when the irradiation at a distance is combined with local radium therapy

The attempt to make the \ rays equal radium rays has led to the construction of large apparatus vielding from 600 to 700 ky. The results so fix obtained with such apparatus seem promising

The author briefly di cusses the development of ray rechaque from the entz Wintz procedure to the Coutard method and compa es the single-dose method with fractional protracted tradiation

He states that the advantibility of postoperature irradation must be determined for each rase in durbually. He sikes why if the X-rays are believed to destroy canner cell: remaining after one attorn its is necessary to operate before the irradation and the X-rays are not believed to despond the interest of the X-rays are not believed to despond the irradation be given. He states that the last word regard and pre-operative irradation has not yet been

Auce M Meyers

spoken In Germany, Mayer is especially in favor of such irradiation. During the last few years there seems to be general agreement that treatment by both the intracavital application of radium and external roentgen irradiation yields the best results. In the technique employed most frequently radium is applied for the administration of either one massive dose or fractional doses and external X-ray irradiation is given after a shorter or longer interval. In some clinics, however, the sequence is reversed in order to disinfect the tumor bed to prevent infection when the radium is introduced and to obtain better permeability of the cervical canal Several radiologists give the radium and roentgen irradiation simultaneously.

(Heinz Kirchhoff) Leo A Juhnee, M D.

Paroli, G.: On the Treatment of Carcinoma of the Cervix in Pregnancy (Sul trattamento del carcinoma cervicale in gravidanza) Riv. ital di ginec, 1935, 17 641.

In carcinoma of the cervix complicating pregnancy radium irradiation will not disturb the progress of the pregnancy or injure the child if too strong doses, endocervical application of the radium, and preventive amputation of the neck of the uterus are avoided

Deep roentgen therapy is always injurious to the child

Cancer of the cervix in pregnancy responds well to radium treatment.

While in a few cases pregnancy seems to stimulate tumor activity, in the majority it seems to inhibit neoplastic growth

The author states that in his clinic, carcinoma of the uterus is never considered an indication for therapeutic abortion, no matter how advanced the

lesion or what the stage of the pregnancy

As a rule, women who have been treated with radium should be delivered by simple cesarean section as soon as labor begins, particularly if the radium irradiation was instituted long before labor In certain operable cases, the cesarean section may be followed by a radical operation. Subtotal hysterectomy should never be performed as radical hysterectomy is necessary for removal of all of the neoplastic tissue

RICHARD E SOMMA, M D

Newell, Q. U., and Crossen, H. S. Five-Year Results in Fifty-Six Cases of Carcinoma of the Corpus Uteri. Am J. Obst. & Gynec., 1935, 29-326

The authors emphasize that in comparing the results of different methods of treatment of corpus carcinoma of any grade it is essential to compare cases of carcinoma of approximately the same extent, ie, early cases with early cases and late cases with late cases. Otherwise erroneous conclusions may be drawn as to the efficacy of the various procedures

Of the cases reviewed, death resulted in nearly all of those in which only itradiation treatment was given. The salest treatment for carcinoma of the corpus uters is operation supplemented by irradiation. In

the authors' cases in which the patient is a good operative risk hysterectomy of a type suitable for the disease is carried out and supplemented by irradiation to devitalize any cancer cells which may be beyond the structures removed. The irradiation may be given before or after the operation or both, and with radium or the X-rays or both. If the patient is a poor operative risk, the treatment employed is determined by consideration of the seriousness of the contra-indication to operation and the efficacy of irradiation on a growth of the type and extent presented.

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## ADNEXAL AND PERIUTERINE CONDITIONS

Soimaru, A. Generalized Peritonitis from the Rupture of a Pyosalpinx (Péntonites généralisées par rupture du pyosalpinx) Gynécologie, 1935, 34 21.

Somaru reports five cases of pyosalpinx rupturing into the peritoneum and reviews the literature on the condition. He finds that generalized peritonitis resulting from the rupture of a pyosalpinx occurs in women from twenty to thirty-five years of age. The rupture may be a traumatic rupture of a chronic pyosalpinx with latent infection and thin walls or the perforation of a pyosalpinx following an acute inflammation with ulcerative lesions in the tubal wall. The latter is much more dangerous than the former as the infection is more virulent. Two of the author's cases were of the first type and three of the second.

At operation, a considerable quantity of pus is found in the peritoneal cavity. In the author's cases in which operation was performed three hours after the rupture the intestines were found congested and covered with fibrinous plaques, whereas in those in which operation was performed five or six hours after the rupture the intestines were found distended, and loops agglutinated, and the peritoneum congested. The fact that the pyosalpinx is usually more or less bound down by adhesions in chronic cases tends to limit the spread of the infection. The co-existence of a suppurating cyst of the ovary with a pyosalpinx has been observed in some cases, including one seen by the author.

In many cases the rupture of the pyosalpinx is preceded by an increase in the pelvic pain and a rise in the temperature. At the time of the rupture the pain suddenly becomes more severe and the swelling disappears. The rupture may be followed by general collapse. Among the symptoms accompanying the rupture are pallor, perspiration, coldness of the extremities, and increased frequency of the pulse. In some cases there may be fever, nausea, and vomiting (two of the author's cases). Muscular rigidity of the abdominal walls develops more rapidly in women with abdominal muscles of good tone than in multiparæ with relaxed abdominal muscles. It is generalized over the entire abdomen

If there is a definite history of tubal infection, the diagnosis of rupture of a pyosalpinx is relatively easy, but if the patient has not been under observa-

tion previously the condition is often believed to be perstonitis due to appendicitie

When a tubal infection shows evidence of the de velopment of prosalping with the danger of rupture (which occurs in about 3 per cent of the cases) operation is preferable to medical treatment rupture occurs operation should be performed im mediately as the mortality increases rapidly with delay of surgical intervention. The author behaves that removal of the tube and ovary on one or both sides with drainage is the operation of choice. In four of his five cases removal of the tube and ovary on the affected side with the use of a Mikuhoz dram and drainage of the parietocolic spaces resulted in recovery ALICE M MEYERS

Fels E The Corpus Luteum Hormone and Its Isolation (Das Corpus luteum Horrson und seine Reindurstellung) trek / Ginget 1034 168 164

This article summarizes the findings of a five year study of the corpus luteum hormone. The te t used by the author which is based on the original method of Corner is described in special detail 4 detailed description of the test is essential because the results are extremely variable as has been shown by control investigations with the Corner test the Clauberg test and the so-called chinical unit' The source of the hormone was the hog overs. From the corpora lutes of eight ammals a Corner unit of corpus luteum hormone was obtained. The corpus luteum hormone can be demonstrated also in the placents and the urine of pregnant women but only after the follicular hormone has been removed. However the amount of corpus luteum bormone to the pla centa is too small for u e of the placenta as the source

of the hormone for experimental shvestigations The author confirmed the andings of other in vestigators which have demonstrated an antago nism between the corpus luteum hormone and the follocular hormone. The administration of follocular hormone inhibits the action of the corpus luteum hormone whereas the action of the follicular hor mone does not influence the action of the corpus luteum bormone. It is impossible to determine defimitely the amount of followlar harmone necessary to inhibit the Artion of the Corpus luteum hormone Fels believes that the effect on the privic beaments of the gumes pig and the mucification of the vaginal epithelium which has been ascribed by other in restigators to the corpus luteum hormone is due to the effect of the followlar hormone

The ovulation inhibiting effect of the corpus luteum hormone was demonstrated by investigations on rabbits. On the other hand in artificially induced maturation of the follicles it was impossible to suppres ovulation by in ecting pregnancy urine The author briefly refers to the isolation of the

corpus luteum hormone which he accomplished with Slotta This work has been published in detail else As yet there are no extensive statistics on the therapeutic use of the corpus luteum bormone

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Bergstrand II Lutelnization of the Ovaries in a Case of Basophile Pituitary Adenoma with Carting & Syndrome (I uternisserung der Ovarien bei einem Fall von basophilem H) poph) senadenom mut Eushings Symptomenkomplex) Arch f path 1n 1 1934 93 413

The author reports a case of basophile naturally adenumz to a forty two year-old woman who are sented almost all the classical symptoms of the Cushing syndrome The tumor had grown into the cavernous sinus and had caused bilateral themosis Recause of the presence of pronounced hirsutism and adrenal or ovarian tumor was suspected at fir t and both ovaries were removed. From the clinical standpoint at is noteworthy that menstruation had continued for a long time and had ceased only when

the patient's general condition became very poor Of the anatomical manifestations those in the ovaries were most striking. The ovaries showed numerous granfian follicles blood spots luternized foliscles (corpora lutea atretica), all three of the reactions which are noted in the ovaries of infantile mice after the experimental administration of gonadutropic hormone. In spite of this the Aschheim Zondek reaction of the urine was negative

This case supports the theory that the gonado tropic harmone of the pituitary i formed in the basophile cells. The adrenals were enlarged and the theroid was dim nished in size and presented selerosis of the parenchyma although showing evidence of by perfunction

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Brindeau Right Hingists and Hingists Enormous Amount of Lutein Hormone in the Urine in a Case of Lutein Cyst (Présence dune forte quantité d'hormones intérnisantes dans les utines dans un cas de krate tuternique) Bu'l Soc d obst el de pyrte de Par 1935 24 35

As the lutera hormone Irolan B is rarely excreted in the urine in the ab ence of pregnancy the authors report a case of steribty in which teo units of I rolan B in addition to a considerable amount of I rolan A was found in the urine The patient was a noman of thirty years of age who came for treatment for stephty. Men truation had been regular but scanty Under opotherapy the menses stopped a tumor formed to the right of the uterus and symptoms suggesting extra utering pregnancy developed At operation a goat of the right overs which proved to be a lutern cyst was discovered. Twelve days after the operation the Prolan B had completely dis appeared from the urine

This is the second case of lutein cyst the authors have seen in which the urine contained considerable amounts of Prolan A and Prolan B The amount of Prolan B in this case was larger than the amount found by them in any other condition except preg nancy and chorionepithelioma. They therefore con clude that the maximum amount in the absence of pregnancy is 150 units instead of the 100 units they assumed previously

The theory that, in the case reported, a disturbance of prolan secretion may have been responsible for the formation of the lutein cyst was refuted by the rapid disappearance of the hormone from the urine after the operation. Apparently the cyst stimulated the abnormal production of prolan While it would have been interesting from this point of view to determine the amount of Prolan B in the lutein tissue itself, this was unfortunately impossible

Audres Goss Morgan, M D

Stein, I F., and Leventhal, M L.: Amenorrhea Associated with Bilateral Polycystic Ovaries Am J Obst & Gynec, 1935, 29 181

The authors report seven cases in which amenorrhea was associated with bilateral polycystic ovaries. They state that bilateral polycystic degeneration of the ovaries is more likely to be due to hormonal influences than to inflammatory changes.

The diagnosis of ovarian disease is greatly facilitated by the use of pneumoroentgenography

In the cases reported, treatment of the amenorrhea with estrogenic hormone proved unsatisfactory whereas surgical treatment consisting of wedge resection of the cystic cortex of the ovaries was followed by complete restoration of physiological function. In every instance menstruation became normal and remained normal during the period of observation. Two of the patients became pregnant. In no case was recurrence of the polycystic change in the ovary discovered on follow-up examination

The authors believe that the amenorrhea and sterility in such cases may be due to mechanical crowding of the ovarian cortex by the cysts which interferes with the progress of the normal graafian follicles to the surface of the ovary

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## EXTERNAL GENITALIA

Eichenberg, H. E: Hydradenoma of the Vulva (Hidradenoma vulvæ) Zischr f Geburtsh, 1934, 109, 358

The author reports thirteen cases of hydradenoma of the vulva, a condition which has been recognized from its histological and clinical characteristics in only a comparatively few instances. In twelve of the cases it was apparently benign but in one case it proved to be carcinomatous. Although malignant degeneration is rare, the possibility of its occurrence renders hydradenoma of the vulva of as much importance from the standpoint of the clinician as from that of the pathologist who must determine whether it is benign or malignant

The nodules, which range from the size of a pea to that of an almond, are usually subcutaneous and he only a few millimeters below the surface. They are generally found in the labia majora, but in two of the author's cases they were in the labia minora near the chitoris. The nodules are cystic. In three of the author's cases they were distended by fluid contents. In one case the cyst measured 10 by 15 mm. In such

cases the papillomatous proliferation fills only a part of the lumen, whereas in others it fills the lumen The papillary proliferation nearly completely sometimes takes its origin from a broad base, sometimes from a small circumscribed portion of the cyst wall, and sometimes from a single pedicle. It is usually labyrinthine, but not infrequently it is of a more papillomatous character with finely branching papillæ and plicated filaments Transitional forms between the labyrinthine adenomatous and the papillary formations are observed. In only some of the branching structures is the connective tissue supporting structure of the growth found in abundance and occasionally sclerotic and showing hyaline cloudy swelling Elsewhere it is usually present in only very small amounts, it is delicate, and it contains capillaries which are occasionally dilated In only one of the author's cases was the epithelium of the proliferation double layered throughout. In the others it showed a double layer in only certain areas The lower layer consisted of flat spindle and cuboid cells, and the upper layer of cylindrical cells Stratification often becomes quite extensive without being destructive even when, as in one of the author's cases, it sends off into the surrounding tissues solid projections from which tubules are formed. In general, tubular formations are rare. In five cases the author observed large pale cells of the type found in the apocrine glands and the mammary glands The resemblance is not superficial but striking since, within a cavity, projecting septa, like narrow papillæ, are completely covered by these characteristic large pale epithelial cells which fill the narrow spaces between them The epithelium of the portions of the cyst wall which are free from papillæ is similar to that in the labyrinths of the proliferation except that it is sometimes stretched. Occasionally, also, tubular projections extend into the connective tissue capsule which, for the most part, is thin and formed by compression of the tissues surrounding the cyst In the neighborhood of the cyst sometimes stasis and occasionally inflammatory infiltration of a mild grade is to be found under the surface In addition, distended sweat glands are almost always present In only one of the author's cases was extensive hyperplasia of the sweat glands observed in the involved region

Although the at first peculiar and marked proliferation is not sufficient to lead to a diagnosis of carcinoma because it occurs within the cyst, and although clinical experience over a period of years, even in cases of recurrence following incomplete removal of the cyst mass, speaks against malignancy in a case cited the new nodule was only the size of a lentil five years after the operation—caution seems to be indicated by the following case.

A woman thirty years old developed beneath the skin at about the center of the inner surface of the left labium majus a movable, almond-sized cystic nodule containing a papilloma measuring 5 mm. In this case also a double-layered epithelium and large pale cells were found. The unusually marked epi-

thelial prolderation in cretain area and especially the pro-ection of strands and tuchan formations as many directions into the surrounding times feel to a dagniss of a sleeoxeronomy. The left library majas was absertione completely service together with the levely nodes in the left inguisal region. In one is mist left inguisal region in one is mist left inguisal region. In one is mist left inguisal region in the left in the laboury a small portion of new growth and metabasis were found. Two years later the patient was a fill free free evidences of recurrence.

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#### MISCELLATEOUS

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In conclusion Respects says that the therapeutic application of throme prolamisation to enforce dissurbances in the human female appears to be justified and to be recommended for cases in which

all other methods of treatment have failed

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In mercial which is based on the flerrature and the same extent when the server the treatment of the difference of the present of the difference of the general treat instead of general developer. The causes and diagnosts of serving developers of the general relationship of the server of the server of such discharges the busing of the wagen in relation or general discharges the business long of the general or general discharges the treatment of general discharges the complexities that the wagins and noise the great warrets of pathogenic bacteria without developing confidence of the server of the subject water of a first point secretary. When autopurchase or and my office secretary. When autopurchase or and my office secretary is the autopurchase of the server of the secretary is the subject to the prediction of the epithelium are present. The persons of the concepters is the most important in feet.

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ing bacteria in only a minority of cases Glucose-broth cultures of the vaginal bacillus and bacillus lactis aerogenes introduced into the vagina survive only twenty-four hours. Methods directed toward the acid factor are ineffective. The first requisite is the supplying of glucose. After three or four applications of powdered glucose to the vaginal walls the vaginal bacillus may appear spontaneously. If it does not, it can be introduced. This treatment is equally successful in cases of "essential" vaginal discharge.

In cases of cervicitis, Negri has found that amputation of the cervix gives good results when the condition is of the chronic hypertrophic form Diathermy is very efficacious. Cauterization by Filho's method is also of value but less effective Local and pelvic vaccination has proved disappointing

The article contains photomicrographs and is followed by a bibliography.

M. E. Morse, M. D.

Martynenko, P., Teneta, E., Paniutine, J., Goloubeva, O.: Comparative Evaluation of Physiotherapeutic and Surgical Methods in the Treatment of Infections of the Female Genital Organs in Relation to the Recovery of Work Capacity (Évaluation comparative des méthodes physiothérapiques et chirurgicales dans le traitement des inflammations de l'appareil génital de la femme en rapport avec la reprise du travail) Gynicologie, 1935, 34 73

The authors state that the problem of the application of physiotherapeutic and surgical methods to the treatment of inflammations of the female genital tract and especially the problem of the restoration of the capacity to work after these diseases by thus or that treatment have not been sufficiently elucidated in the present-day literature.

In the majority of the reports on such inflammations only the results of treatment are given whereas the prompt return of the working woman to her duties should occupy the center of attention, especially in Russia where socialism is being developed. Under the conditions of the capitalistic régime the problem of restoring working capacity is of less importance

After thirty years of surgery the conservative treatment of pelvic inflammatory disease, either as a preliminary to surgery or without supplementary surgery, has been revived.

Conservative treatment should be continued for three years before operation is considered. The methods employed consist of hot vaginal tampons of mud, diathermy, and ionotherapy (calcium). The functional results are best in chronic inflammatory disease due to puerperal infection, next best in "diverse" genital infections, and third best in infections due to abortion. With regard to the nature of the "diverse infections" the authors state only that these conditions do not include tuberculosis.

The superiority of conservative treatment to surgical treatment is proved by elaborate statistics based on 693 cases in which the disease was of from one to ten or more years' duration. The chief criteria employed are the amount of time lost from work and the number of subsequent pregnancies.

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## OBSTETRICS

#### PREGNANCY AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Robecchi E A Study of Hepatic Function in Pregnancy The Curve of the Amino Acids in the Blood (Contribute also studio della funzionahita epatica in gravidanza La curva aminoacidemica da canto). Gine of pic 1655 1, 53.

In spite of extensive investigations the evact, statios of the liver during pregnancy has not been definitely determined. Tunctional tests tend to show some decrease of hepatic function, but we do not know whether this change is the result of damage to an intact liver by substances originating in the pregnancy or of an increase of changes already present in the liver produced by such substances.

Robecchi reviews briefly the various tests of liver function under normal and pathological conditions. He discusses especially the tests which are be rid on the metabolism of amino acids. For his investigations he selected the test introduced by Busino in 1024 which consists in determining the behavior of the amino acids afte the administration of shocked!

The Bulano test is carried out early in the morning with the patient fisting and in bed. Blood is with drawn from a vein in the antecebital fossi and to em of a warm 12 a per cent adoutsoo of the purest glyccool are injected. Blood is again taken fifteen their) and sixty minutes after the injection. The total armso said content of the blood is then demands and content of the blood is then demanded to the desired and the patients. The total armso said content of the blood is then demanded to the desired and the blood is then demanded to the desired and the blood is the demanded to the desired and the patients with cirrhois of the liver whose blood had an ammo and content comparable to that reported by other in

vestigators Of the sixteen pregnant women atuched normal hengue function was found in 12 (75 per cent) slight hepatic insufficiency in 3 (18 7 per cent) and alug crebness of the liver in 1 (6 2 per cent) in the eventh month of pregnancy Although the results of the amino acid test appeared slightly elevated the test in licated normal hepatic function in all. On the other hand of three women with hyperemesis slight hepatic insufficiency was found in two (66 per cent) and of seven women with albuminums normal hepatic function was tound in tive (,1 4 per cent) slight hepatic insufficiency in one (14 2 per cent) and sluggishness of the liver in one. In the single ca e in which the blood amino acid content of the blood was determined before delivery the values were found to be abnormal. Of the cases in which de havers occurred prematurely or the eclamosia had heen cleared up the test showed a change in hepatic function in 50 per cent. Tests were made also for probile in the trine and bilirubin in the blood

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ELITAR T LEDDY WD

Quinto P Nephrectomy and Pregnancy (Ne frectomia e gravidanza) Riv ilal di gineo 1935 17

Quinto reports three cases in which nephrectomy was performed during pregnancy

The first case was that of a woman thirty one years old who entered the clinic in the fourth month of pregnancy one month after a nephrectiony for calculus py onephrous of the left kidney as a munation revelled a nephritic condition of the re maning kidney the pregnancy was interrupted University of the control of the condition of the community of the control of t

cases nere similar.

On the basis of their cases and the literature the author has some to the conclusion that nephrectomy performed after conception does not endanger pregance, provided the remaining, kidney is healthy and the operation; performed in the first few months of the orientate.

Symptoms in the remaining lidney indicate swines which are unquestionably aggravated by pregnancy in the presence of such symptoms in terruption of the pregnancy is the only therapeutic meaning to be considered.

In the cases of women who desire to have a child after a nephrectomy a careful investigation of the nature, site, and degree of the lesion which led to the removal of the kidney should be made and the patient advised as to the time necessary after the nephrectomy to insure complete compensatory readjustment of the remaining kidney

In nephrectomized women the course of the nephropathies of pregnancy is more or less the same as in women who have not been nephrectomized although the tendency toward the development of such nephropathies in the former may be greater.

In the cases of nephrectomized women the same criteria should be adopted concerning treatment and prognosis, labor, and the puerperium as in the cases of women with both kidneys who have a bilateral

nephropathy

In cases of pyelonephritis of pregnancy in nephrectomized women the same therapeutic measures should be employed as in the cases of non-nephrectomized women with a similar but bilateral involvement, due consideration being given to the immediate and potential dangers which may arise as the result of the infection, whether referable to the pregnancy or to anatomical and functional changes in the Lidney RICHARD E SOMMA, M D

Puccioni, L.: Genitoperitoneal Tuberculosis and Pregnancy (Tubercolosi genito-peritoneale e gravidanza) Riv ital di ginec, 1934, 17 363

The author reviews the literature on genitoperitoneal tuberculosis complicating pregnancy from

1885 to date and reports two cases

He accepts the theory that occasionally the generalized spread of a tuberculous process may be brought about by pregnancy. During pregnancy, an adneral lesson may be activated, and after delivery a true tuberculous septicemia simulating a puerperal infection may occur

The genital organs offering the most favorable conditions for the rapid development and spread of a tuberculous process are the tubes and the uterus The uterus is usually involved secondarily to the tubes by continuity or by way of the blood lymph or blood stream Infection by way of the blood stream tends to occur at the site of the insertion of

the placenta

There are two theories regarding peritoneum involvement in cases of genital tuberculosis. According to one, the infection spreads from the peritoneum to the tubes whereas, according to the other, the spread is from the tubes to the peritoneum. The author believes that most frequently the infection is primary in the tubes as the tubal involvement is

often the more marked

The diagnosis of genitoperitoneal tuberculosis complicating pregnancy is rendered difficult by: (1) the vagueness and relative mildness of the symptoms in the initial stages, (2) tendency to attribute the abdominal pain, malaise, and vomiting to the pregnancy; (3) the frequent presence of tuberculous foci in other organs to which the attention of the

physician is directed; and (4) the relative infrequency of the association of genital and peritoneal tuberculosis with pregnancy.

The author's conclusions are summarized as fol-

lons'

The association of genitoperitoneal tuber-

culosis with pregnancy is relatively rare.

2 In most cases in which genitoperitoneal tuberculosis is associated with uterine pregnancy, the localization in the peritoneum and the genital organs occurred after conception, whereas in most cases in which genitoperitoneal tuberculosis is associated with extra-uterine pregnancy the localization took place before conception

Pregnancy has an unfavorable effect on tuberculosis, favoring its rapid diffusion and evolution and

frequently its generalization

4 The chief danger is generalization of the tuberculous process which quite often is evidenced after expulsion or removal of the embryo, probably because of implantation of the tubercle bacılli in the area of insertion of the placenta

The course of pregnancy is influenced unfavorably by the coexistence of tuberculosis of the peritoneum and genital organs. Abortion and premature interruption of the pregnancy are frequent

The diagnosis of genitoperatoneal tuberculosis complicating pregnancy is difficult because of the vagueness and mildness of the symptoms in the early stages and because of the relative rarity of the association

The treatment should be predominantly surgiical and should include aspiration of the ascitic fluid, interruption of the pregnancy, and removal of the genital organs involved by the tuberculous process The surgical treatment should be followed by physical therapy.

8 The prognosis is frequently very unfavorable. CLARA RAVEN.

Falls, F. H: A Critical Study of 500 Cases of Eclamptogenic Toxemia. Am. J. Obst & Gynec, 1935, 29 316

Eclamptogenic toxemia can be controlled in most cases by reducing the amount of protein split products in the blood and increasing elimination by When the symptoms do not yield to the bowel conservative management, the uterus must be emptied

Cesarean section is indicated in cases of fulminating tovemia and when induction of labor or delivery

from below is contra-indicated.

Eyeground examination is of little aid in determining the severity of a given case. The phenolsulphonphthalein test is of value in the prognosis

To reduce the incidence and severity of postpartum convulsions, the treatment should be continued after delivery until the symptoms have been definitely relieved Sedatives, intravenous injections of magnesium sulphate, and intravenous injections of glucose, while rational and in some cases helpful, are not essential in the antepartum treatment Patients first seen in labor are usually best delivered from below Elderly primipara near term but not in labor ar-

best delivered by cesarean section because of the danger and uncertainty of delivery by induction of lahor There is no advantage in dividing the cases into

eclampsia low reserve Lidney pre eclampsias and eclampusm Because of the prematurity and toxic condition

of the babies in these cases extra precautions must be taken to insure their safety during labor and in the first days after birth

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### LABOR AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Scholounoff, T An Inquiry into the \aine of Recrai Examination in the Course of Obstetrical Delivery (Erquête sur la valeur du toucher rectal au cours de l'accouchement) Rep tranc de genée et d obst 2034 20 1

Roomg chief of the Gynerological and Obstetrical Service at the University of Geneva proposed that a survey be made to determine whether obstetricians prefer rectal examination to vaginal examination in deliveries Two hundred and eighty questionnaires were sent to various obstetrical specialists in Europe and America The first a oue tions asked whether the chief of the department had students or student midwives on his service. The other questions were as follon s

- 3 Do you use only rectal examinations in your service?
- 4 Do you consider rectal examination sufficient? 5 Do you permit midwises to make saginal ex aminations?
- 6 Are the students authorized to make rectal and vagnal examinations?
- 7 Do you believe that vaginal examination causes a higher morbidity and mortality than rectal

examination? Before reporting the andings of the questi maires the author gives a thorough review of the literature on puerperal infection both before and after the time of Holmes and Semmelweiss and presents statistics from various sources notably those of Pankow and those of Lantos and Labhardt The latter, which were based on 6 354 deliveries aboved fewer febrile reactions in women who had been examined by the vacanal route than in those who had been subjected to rectal examinations

The findings of the que toquaire are grouped according to the country from which the replies came and are summarized as follows

Rectal examination is practiced exclusively by o per cent of the obstetricians replying (parties) larly the Swiss group)

2 Seventy-one and minety mine hundredths per cent of the obstetricians consider rectal examina tion most cient in both normal and abnormal ca es Twenty-one and thirty four hundredths per cent

regard it as sufficient in normal cases but insufficient in abnormal cases. 3 Seventy three per cent consider vaginal ex

amination indispensable to midwives 4 The majority of the chiefs of services permit

students to make vaginal examinations 5 Sevent) two per cent consider vaginal exam anation harmless if it is practiced according to a rigarous technique MARSE W POOLE MED

McNelle L G and McBurney R D Statistical Study of Uterine Ruptures California & Beil Hed 1935 41 73

Of 17 350 consecutive obstetrical cases uterine rupture occurred in 30 or in r of every 5,8 cases The authors claim that rupture of the uterus is pearly always preventable. While rupture through a cesarean scar in a subsequent pres nancy or labor is serious, they find that the promoting for the mother is far better under such circumstances than in o her cases of complete rupture. The chief factor respon sable for rupture of the uterus not occurring in a cesarean section scar is an attempt to shorten labor by an operative procedure nithout regard to the obstetrical indications or conditions A woman who has had a cesarean section should be delivered by cesarean section at or hear term in subsequent pregnancies

The progno is in cases of rupture of the uterus depends to a great extent upon the time at which the condition is recognized and treated. The authors believe that if conditions as regards ascess are sat isfactory the lower uterine segment should be examined manually for possible mury after every operative debvery

I THORNWELL WITHERSMOON M D

### PHERPERIUM AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Mikulicz Radecki F von The Treatment of Atonic Postpartum Hemorrhages Together with # Report on the Methods Used by the General Practitioner in East Prussia in the Treatment of Lostpartum Hemorrhages [the Rehanflung der atomischen Vachgeburtsblutungen Zugleich ein Bericht ucher die Tuett, keit des praktischen Arztes ber hachgeburteblutungen in Oslpreu sen) Muen chen red H chusche 10.4 11 1708 1345

The author reviewed obstetrical cases in the province of East Prussia (a total of 111 255 del v eries conducted by midwives in the years from 1925 to 1933) to determine what methods are used by general practitioners to combat atoms postpartum bemorrhages According to the midulues records postpartum hemorrhages occurred in 3 362 of these deliveries thei incidence being therefore 3 03 per cent A physician was summoned in 74 per cen of the cases The mor ality was o 16 per 1 000 de hvenes

Before the delivery of the placenta (2 200 treated cases) manual separation of the placenta was done in 41 per cent of the cases the Crede mareuver under narcosis in o 3 per cent, the simple Credé maneuver in 4 per cent, and tamponade of the uterus in 9 27 After expulsion of the placenta (276 treated cases), digital examination was done in 18 per cent and tamponade of the uterus in I case. In the remaining cases other methods proved sufficient Manual separation of the placenta was therefore performed comparatively frequently appears that when the placenta cannot he separated completely by medicinal means, the general practitioner decides at once to resort to manual separation without first trying the simple Credé maneuver or the Credé maneuver under narcosis According to the experience of the Koenigsberg Clinic, the incompletely separated placenta can be removed by these two procedures in 28 per cent of cases of post-

partum hemorrhage

The author next gives rules for the treatment of atonic postpartum hemorrhages by the general practitioner He states that when the history and the course of lahor suggest the possibility of atony a prophylactic intramuscular or intravenous injection of extract of the posterior lobe of the hypophysis should he given. In the treatment of mild cases the intramuscular injection of pituitrin and massage of the uterus are indicated. In urgent cases the pituitrin should he given hy intravenous injection and when the hemorrhage exceeds 500 c cm the intravenous injection of pituitrin should be followed by the simple Credé maneuver If this treatment fails the Credé maneuver under narcosis is indicated For this the author gives the following rules Begin the induction of the narcosis Inject an ecbolic Carry out the Credé maneuver when the uterus becomes hard Separate the placenta manually In cases of hemorrhage following expulsion of the placenta it is hest to give an intravenous injection of 1/2 c cm of pituitrin and of gynergen simultaneously The uterus should then be massaged and a T-binder Digital examination is necessary when there is doubt as to whether the placenta has been expelled completely and also sometimes when there are blood clots in the uterine cavity Tamponade of the uterus is highly to be recommended casionally, compression of the aorta is of aid This is accomplished most easily with Momburg's tube or manually The combined maneuver of Fritsch and that of Zweifel are seldom employed

(BUREHL) FLORENCE ANNAN CARPENTER

Paine, C. G.: The Etiology of Puerperal Infection Brit M J, 1935, 1 243

The active invaders in most puerperal infections are hemolytic streptococci. They are carried by the hands of the obstetrical attendant, by droplet infection from the noses or throats of those present at the delivery, or by the patient's hands. The author endeavored to determine the principles of the mechanics of droplet spray by means of an apparatus he devised which consists of a plaster cast of a face through which are bored holes to represent the nares and a partly opened mouth. A spray charged

with a suitable organism was used It was found that little spray passed upward. Most of the drop-lets fell rapidly, and their greatest concentration was from 10 to 20 in from the mouth

The findings indicated that genital infection of the patient from the upper respiratory tract of the accoucheur may he produced hy either high- or low-momentum droplets Infection by the high-momentum stream occurs by direct implantation into the vaginal introitus The low-momentum stream infects the front of the operator's gown and his sterile gloves.

Pame concludes that masks of sufficient thickness and tied securely under the chin with a minimal air gap at the sides should he used in all deliveries.

ALBERT W. HOLMAN, M D.

Morosova, A. N., Komkova, O. A., Moroleva, A. M., and Terekhova, A. A.: The Part Played by Anaerobic Infection in the Etiology of Puerperal Diseases The Clinical Picture, Diagnosis, and Treatment of These Diseases (Role de l'infection anaérobie dans l'étiologie des maladies post-puerpérales Climque, diagnostic et thérapeutique de ces maladies) Gynéc et obst., 1935, 31 128

The authors report an investigation which was made in 100 cases of puerperal sepsis to determine the importance of anaerobic hacteria in puerperal

infections

They found anaerohic hacteria in 33 per cent of the cases. Of the latter, the bacillus perfringens was found in 25 per cent and the anaerohic streptococcus in 20 per cent. Cultures of the bacillus perfringens were found to he virulent in 66 per cent of the cases. The combination of non-virulent strains of the hacillus perfringens with non-virulent aerobic streptococci is virulent. In experiments on lahoratory animals fetid and putrid streptococci showed little or no virulence.

In the cases of very severe generalized infection (septicemia and septicopyemia) in which the bacillus perfringens was found, the mortality was 555 per cent, in those with putrid anaerobic streptococci it was 43 per cent, in those with hoth the hacillus perfringens and the anaerobic streptococcus it was 100 per cent, and in those with anaerobic streptococci it was 53 per cent

Anaerobic bacteria are discovered much less frequently in the blood than in the discharge. The authors found the bacillus perfringens in the blood in only 2 cases and the anaerobic streptococcus in

only I case

The clinical signs of puerperal infection due to anaerobic bacteria include early evidences of intoucation, the triad of jaundice, cyanosis, and a dark brown color of the urine and blood serum, the rapid formation of infiltrations and sometimes of abscesses in the periuterine tissues, and, in exceptional cases, crepitation of the uterus

Anaerobic infections are much more severe and associated with a much higher mortality than

aerobic infections. \ search for anaerobic bacteria should be made in every case of puerperal infection and if the bacillus perfungents i found a biological study should be carried out to determine its viru lence. An effort should be made to discover bac terrilogical methods for early diagnost.

Ameriohic serium should be given as soon as possible after the development of clinical symptom or at least immediately after the demonstration of ameriohic betteria. In the authors cases a preliminary dose of z c.m. is given to determine the reaction of the organism and shall an hour lateral dose of from 50 to 100 c.m. is administered. The total dosage is from 200 to 650 c.m. As purposal infections due to anaerobic bacteria are accompanted by amerias and signs of siphy sax it is well to supplement the u.e of anaerobic serum with blood translation.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Sherman J T A Study of Seventy Eight Patients with Hydatidiform Mole 1m J Su g 1935 27 237

Of 185 119 women delivered in the Lying fit Hospital New Nork Cit; in the period from 80× to 1934 hidatidiform mole was founding 5 Hydatidiform mole therefore occurred in 1 of every 32; pregnancies One of the mole, occurred in a tubula pregnancy. Concompilations was found in only did not follow hydatidieru mole. Of 12 women with hydatidieru mole who are followed for two vears at did not develop choronoputhelioma. One developed a choronoputhelioma eighteen months after expulsions of the original mole, but a she had as incomplete abortion in the interval the author believes the malignarcy was secondary to the abor

tion rather than to the mole

Seventy three per cent of the ,'3 patients with hydatidiformmole were multigravida. Twenty seven aborted spontaneously or required interference at the third month Forty two aborted before the sixth month and t in the seventh month Twenty nine and four tenths per cent showed definite symptoms of either early or late toxemia. The uterus was larger than in the corresponding period of amenor then in \$8 per cent and small in 68 per cent. In as a per cent the relative difference was not apparent The A chheim Zondek test was used only once and then after the diagnosis was evident. It was positive an a dilution up to to per cent. By lateral polycystic lutein cystomas were found in t nationts. The morbidity was a r per cent and the mortality 2 5 per cent The deaths were due to un

necessary operative interference. The author states that huter restomas of the owners should not be removed. He believes that if the disease is properly handled it is not accompanied by the high morbidity and mortality ansulfy credited to it. Froper management may present hemorrhage and sepais the 2 most frequent causes of death Subsequent cateful observation for a period of it least a year may present thorsonepithehoma from becoming firmly established.

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## GENITO-URINARY SURGERY

## ADRENAL, KIDNEY, AND URETER

Crooke, A. C., and Russell, D. S.: The Pituitary Gland in Addison's Disease. J. Path & Bacterial, 1935, 40 255.

In the course of an examination of serial sections of pituitary glands from unselected autopsies a conspicuous paucity of basophile cells was observed in sections from a case of Addison's disease percentages of different types of cells found by the authors in the anterior lobe of the pituitary gland of an apparently normal male agreed well with Rasmussen's results in a large series, viz · chromophobe cells, 59 7 per cent, acidophile cells, 29 3 per cent, and basophile cells, ir per cent. In five cases of Addison's disease these percentages ranged as follows chromophobe cells, from 71 64 to 89 7 per cent, acidophile cells, from 8 45 to 27 04 per cent, and basophile cells, from 0 05 to 0 54 per cent these glands a group of transitional abnormal basophiles ranged from 0 80 to 1 78 per cent in four cases, but amounted to 8 13 per cent in one case Basophile cells were encountered in the posterior lobe of the glands from twelve cases of Addison's disease in which they were studied, and in some of the cases the invasion was marked. In ten of these twelve cases the thymus was abnormally developed nine of these cases the thyroid gland was studied. In two cases the block of thyroid obtained showed colloid retention In the remaining seven cases excessive activity was evidenced to a variable degree by tubular-often branched tubular-and rounded acini that were empty or contained a small amount of pale coagulum or desquamated epithelium Most of the areas occupied by the active acini were infiltrated with lymphocytes In five of these cases the thyroid had characteristics typical of Grave's disease

The atrophy of the adrenal cortex producing Addison's disease is described. The authors conclude that it is a destructive atrophy which is essentially different from the simple atrophy of the cortex following destruction of the anterior lobe of the pituitary gland, and therefore constitutes evidence that Addison's disease is not due primarily to pituitary change.

In nine of their series of twelve cases of Addison's disease injections of a commercial preparation of adrenal cortex had been given from a few days to nineteen months before death. There was no evidence that the treatment had produced an increase in the number of basophile or basophile transitional cells.

The occurrence of hypertension and hyperglycemia in pituitary basophilism suggests that the opposite conditions found in Addison's disease may

be due to a reduction of pituitary basophilism such as was demonstrated in the reviewed cases

PAUL STARR, M D

Woodruff, S. R., and Bumpus, H. C., Jr.: Is Nephrectomy Always Indicated Following a Diagnosis of Unilateral Renal Tuberculosis? J. Am M. Ass, 1935, 104 716.

The authors review some of the literature on the healing of renal tuberculosis. They believe that in its early stages the condition should be treated hygienically, preferably in a sanatorium, and that nephrectomy should be performed when there is evidence of extension of the disease, when caseo-cavernous conditions can be demonstrated, and when the renal function has become markedly diminished

Andrew McNally, M.D.

Waters, C. A.: Pre-Operative Irradiation of Cortical Renal Tumors. Am J Reenigenel, 1935, 33 149

Waters reports three cortical renal tumors and discusses the reaction of these neoplasms to roentgen ırradıatıon He states that tumors of the hypernephroma type and embryonal carcinomas are radiosensitive while papillary carcinomas of the renal pelvis and malignant papillary cystadenomas are radioresistant Irradiation reduces the size of radiosensitive tumors so they become operable and induces an alteration in their cellular structure, extensive fibrosis, hyalinization, and necrosis. Operative removal is imperative and should be carried out a few weeks after either the first or second series of irradiations, depending on the degree of shrinkage of the tumor, because new growth may occur if operation is delayed. Pre-operative irradiation does not render operation more difficult. Ninety-three per cent of tumors of the renal cortex observed by Waters have been radiosensitive.

FRANK M COCHEMS, M D

Pohle, E. A., and Ritchie, G.: Malignant Tumors of the Kidney in Children, with a Report of Six Cases. Radiology, 1935, 24 193

In reporting six malignant tumors of the kidney in children the authors describe the histological findings in three and discuss the pathology, diagnosis, and treatment of such neoplasms. They conclude that the best treatment is irradiation followed by surgical removal and postoperative irradiation. The best time for operation must be determined for each patient. The mass should be so reduced by the irradiation that it is barely palpable before its removal is attempted.

The ultimate prognosis is extremely poor, the mortality being well above 90 per cent

FRANK M COCHEUS, M.D.

Franceschi E. A Contribution on the Pathology and Clinical Aspects of Squamous Cell Curet norm of the Renal Pelvis Mantinburg also patlogiated silk clinica del cancor a Cellule platte prime two della pelvi renale) irch sial di urol 1916 tx 30

Squamous cell carcinoma of the renal pelyis, which was first de cribed in detail in 1861 by RoLitanski is not a common neoplasm. The author reports a case of such tumor in a noman sixts five years old. The patient presented herself because of pa niess hema turia. The diagnosis was established by retrograde pielography The author emphasizes that retro grade prelography is essential for delineation of the tumor ma ; This cannot be accomplished by ex cretion prograph) The typical filling defect in the renal pelvis is evident when the contrast med am is introduced into the Lidney pelvis from below. In variably the contrast medium flows back into the bladder. In the case reported, nephrectomy and ureterectomy were done. The patient made an uneventful recovery. When she was re examined four years after the operation there was no evidence of recurrence or metastasis and cystoscopy showed the bladder to be normal I yelography was refused

In cases of the condition inder discussion the author has observed a partial prolapse of the intra mural portion of the ureter into the bladder a sign not previously reported in the literature. He believes that this has a purely mechanical basis. He states that in the treatment of squamous-cell

cartinoma of the renal pelvis simple nephrectomy is usually preferable to nephro-ureterectomy. He cites especially the good results which have been obtained in American climits with the simpler procedure.

WILLIAM C BECK M D

Blasini A. A Contribution on Femoral Hernias of the Ureter (Contributo alle etnic femorali dell'uretere). Arch ital di si ol. 1935, 12, 3

The author reports a cases of femoral herma in women in which the ureter was contained in the herma In all of the cases the diagro is was made at simple femoral herma. The ureter was a slyrecty made been a of its grave color and the fine toxtuous vessels on the statement of the

Most patients with femoral herois of the meter stall and thru and has e-ry weak, and lax shdommal muscles. Their general habitus is that swally a securited with general enteroptoes (Gleared scheene). All of the author's patients and most of those above cases have been reported by other were multiparous somer. It is a support to the state of the scheener of the sch

more easily depress the ureter into the sac of the femoral herma

It is difficult to differentiate a berma of the arrier from prolapse of the round ligament of the utersor from blood vessels by chancal examination. The care seldom any ugas suggesting the presence of the uteres in the hermal six Only rately in the e a complaint of difficulty in microtistion. Occasionally however the patient admits nocluria. On phy rate catamistion there are no parlingionomism or even suggestive signs. The condition is therefore an acceleral familiary at operation.

While herma of the ureter is usually considered rare the author's 4 cases were found in a zeries of only 100 cases of femoral herma

WILLIAM C BECK MD

Deliepiane G Lasiona of the Ureter Produced in the Gourse of Operations and Their Treatment (Le son ureteral rel corso di internenti operativi e loro trattamento) Grano operator i i i

After discussing the various methods of dealing with a prefer cut accidentally during a synecological operation Dellepiane reports briefly three cases of such musy In none of them was a conservative procedure possible. In two exclusion of renal function by ligation of the ureter resulted in chinical cure In the third cale in which the ureter was cut in a Westbern hi sterectoms for carcinoms of the cervia a secondary utererovaginal natura developed. Fol lowing the formation of the fistula the kidney was Dellepiane ha treated by roenigen madiation The chief mis cuses the tisks of this or icedure are infection by dronephrosis and subnormal funtion of the other kidney However Dellepiane be heves that for a pressing the function of a kidney after injury of its ureter roentgen therapy of the kidney given as soon after the operation as possible is a valuable adjunct to ligation of the ureter

Following a brief review of the literature on the effects of the reenigen has an the index by reports experiments on a dogs in which he treated the experiments on a wider in which he treated the experiments of the experiment does to consider the experiment of the experiment does to Coolings table. It may not stance this amount of the analysis of the experiment of the ex

He reports a case of uncereal issuin an which the administration to the accurately localized kidney of og per cent of an eritherna dose through three field resulted in a decrease in the section of sime banes it has been shown chincilly that it is possible in the present through three many control of the present in the property of th

presents photographs of rabbits' kidneys, one of which had been subjected to 2 crythema doses of roentgen irradiation and the other of which was untreated after ligation of the ureter. The unirradiated kidney showed the more marked hydronephrosis.

In conclusion Dellepiane says that, when possible, the injured ureter should be repaired by a conserva-The procedure of choice is ureterotive method cystoneostomy. When conservative treatment is impossible and it is necessary to suppress the function of the kidney, ligation of the proximal end of the cut ureter may be done instead of nephrectomy if there is no infection and the function of the other kidney is good. This will result in atrophy of the renal parenchyma When the formation of a ureteral fistula seems probable the kidney should be treated with from 90 to 100 per cent of an erythema dose of roentgen irradiation as soon after the operation as possible to hasten the suppression of kidney function EUGENE T LEDDY, M D.

## BLADDER, URETHRA, AND PENIS

Franceschi, E.: Experimentally Produced Hernias of the Mucosa of the Urinary Bladder (Erme spenmentali della mucosa della vescica urinaria) Clin chir, 1935, 11 3

The experiments reported were performed on mature dogs and rabbits. Some of the animals were pregnant. The bladder was exposed by a midline incision and if it was not full of urine it was dilated artificially. Portions of the musculature and the overlying peritoneum were then excised. In all cases sufficient musculature was removed to produce a herniation of the bladder mucosa. In only one instance was the bladder reperitonealized.

Following a brief postoperative disturbance, micturition became normal. The period of observation ranged from twelve days to four months. The author's report of the results is supplemented by diagrams of the operative removal of the bladder mucosa, cystograms made after the animals had been hilled, and photomicrographs of sections taken at

the site of operation

The findings indicate that in normal animals the creation of a weakened area in a bladder wall is not sufficient to produce a diverticulum In none of the animals studied was any marked change demonstrated in the outline of the bladder roentgeno-Franceschi concludes that neither the normal intravesical pressure nor the usual functional stresses undergone by the bladder are sufficient to initiate or continue the formation of a diverticulum, no matter where the bladder wall is weakened In the experiments reported the repair of the injured area in the bladder wall began early in one or more planes by the proliferation of tiny areas of muscle in the region from which the muscularis has been stripped The growth of these muscle fibers was facilitated by a very vascular newly formed connective tissue from the bladder wall. The mucosa is rarely the site of degenerative or infiltrative

processes, rarely becomes infected, and rarely perforates

The peritoneal layer was repaired rapidly and soon resumed its normal appearance Dense adhesions were seldom found As a rule only filiform adhesions were produced by the newly developed serosa These were probably explained by the mechanical action due to the motility of the bladder In the areas where the muscle had been stripped off there developed a muscular or musculofibrous zone which at times produced a slight distortion in the cystogram but never interfered with the normal elasticity or distensibility of the bladder. As there was no well-marked interruption of continuity in the elastic fibers in the submucous coat, it did not seem likely that the presence or absence of elastic fibers in the submucous layer played an active part in the train of events immediately following the operation. After the bladder with herniated mucosa was replaced in the abdomen the hernia became, and remained, reduced No evidence of extroflexion was found either immediately after the operation or later This observation is explained by the fact that the intra-abdominal pressure tends to remain at a eonstant level, the fact that distention of the bladder is regulated by a neuromuscular mechanism, and the fact that when distention of the bladder exceeds a certain point it produces the stimulus to micturition which spares the injured portion of the bladder EUGENE T LEDDY, M D

## Dean, A. L., Jr.: Epithelioma of the Penis. J. Urol., 1935, 33 252

The author reports a clinical study of 120 cases of epithelioma of the penis treated at the Memorial Hospital, New York He states that caneer of the penis is not unusual in men under forty years of age Nationality, occupation, or previous constitutional diseases (except syphilis) have no influence upon its occurrence Unmarried men acquire the disease at an earlier average age than married men, and syphilities seem to develop penile cancer earlier than non-syphilitics Syphilis probably increases susceptibility to the exciting causes of the condition Trauma is of no etiological importance usually high percentage of men with penile cancer have difficulty in exposing the glans penis, usually because of a long, tight prepuce, but the concealed penis may also be a factor Cancer of the penis is caused by the mechanical and chemical irritation of secretions retained beneath the prepuce. Jews do not have cancer of the penis because they are subjected to ritualistic circumcision in early infancy. This practice affords complete protection against the development of penile cancer When performed after adult age has been reached circumcision is of much less value as a prophylactic measure

The flat and papillary types of penile cancer grow at the same rate, but the flat tumors metastasize earlier. At the time of the initial symptom cancer of the penis may appear in quite different stages of development because of differences in the degree of phimosis present. Sixty two per cent of the patients studied by the author hist noticed a small but definite cancer The average length of tune that elapses after the appearance of the hist ay motors before the nationt seeks treatment is about a year In many cases additional time is lost by instruments ate treatment

The diagnosis should always be made by bionsy Biopsy properly performed is harmless epitheliomas elsewhere cancers of the penis metas Metasta is usually occurs tasize by embolism earliest in the inguinal nodes and usually after the primary tumo has been present for a number of At the time of the first examination anguinal adenopathy is present an about ,6 per cent of the cases. About half of the enlarged nodes are cancerous and balf are inflammatory. An error of about 14 per cent is unavoidable when the presence or absence of inguinal metastases is diagno ed by physical examination alone. Aspiration bronsy is accurate and should be the method chosen to de termine the character of enlarged inguinal nodes

Superficial penile cancers not exceeding 2 cm in diameter are regularly controlled by the use of radon plaques. About to per cent of all cancers of the pents are of this type Penile cancers larger than 2 cm in diameter and those penetrating the epidermis require amputation 2 3 cm proximal to any visible or palpable evidence of the disease. If no metastases are present move than 65 Ter cent of the cases should be controlled This operation efficiently removes all of the tumor and often preserves both the unnary and sexual functions of the penis. Dis ection of the inguinal metastases should be delayed until several weeks after removal of the primary tumor in order to permit subsidence of infection within the nodes koutine radical amputation of the pent and bi lateral grown dissection with or without emasculation is irrational. External irradiation by means of a radium pack or the 200 ky roentgen ras unit is of little value in the treatment of metastases from penule cancers. The use of the 200-ky umt or other more powerful ources of irradiation with the divided dose technique may prove effective

LOUIS NEUWELT M D

### GENITAL ORGANS

Thompson C J and Cook E N Chronic Prosta titis and I rostatic Calculus Treatment by Incision with the Electrocautery J in if 455 10.5 104 805

Chronic prostations often persists because of in fected pockets or diverticula that dram only through a small prostatic duct. Treatment by ordinars methods such as mas age arrigation the injection of antiseptic substances or dist hermy results in only temporary relief of the symptoms

Surgical treatment of these regions by the trans prethral route will insure adequate dramage and subsequent improvement in a large percentage of cases. The prostatic cavities must be widely excavated in the form of a saucer and, if necessary tissue should be excised to provide free fushing at the time of urmation. Unless this is done the infection will persist

Calcula embedded in the prostatic tissue which occur either primarily or secondarily to prostate infection can be removed by transurethral operation

Graves R C. and Militzer R F Carcinoma of the Prostate with Metastases J Lra 1915

The chincal histories and autops) records of eighty-one cases of canrer of the prostate with metastases were tudged. The nationts ranged in are from forty-one to seventy seven years but half of them were between sixty five and seventy four years Fifty see had received some form of treatment be fore their admission to the hospital Ireluded in the previous therapeutic measures were such operations as suprapuble exstotomy and prestatectoms permeal prostatectomy radical permeal extirpation of the prostate and adjacent structures transure thral resection colostom; and resection of the pre steral nerve

There was no correlation between the rhysical state of the patient and the local extent of the dis Metastatic refroperatoneal lymph node in volvement has never palpable through the abdoms not wall nor was any inguinal adenopathy demon strated at autops, or bions, although paipable nodes were found often Supraclavicular adenopathy be heved to be clinically malignant was found in three cases The relative hypotension often seen may be a manufestation of the Reakened state accompanyin malignant disease. In four of the cases reviewed peripheral edema was cau ed by pressure on ab

dominal vessels

The disea e process was contined to the prostatic capsule in only two cases. In thenty hie cases it had progressed moderately beyond the gland limits into the vesicular area, while in forty seven there was advanced local disea e. It seems that the \_mall prostatic tumor often disserunates nadely while the large prostatic masses show a defi meely less marked tendency to produce unde pread me astases. In half of the cases reviewed the amount of residual urine was relatively small. Rectal symp. toms had no relation hip to the disease process except in five cases in which a posterior extension of the carrinoma resulted in rectal obstruction. There was no relationship between the blond ficture and the extent and distribution of the metastases The incidence of obstructive changes in the upper unitary tract as evidenced by intravenous pvelography may be attributed to early roentgrnographic studies in the course of the disease and poor reral function

In all but six of the cases metastases to bone were found either on roestgenographic examination or at autopsy The pelvis and sarrum showed involvement in 85 per cent of the cases and the lumbar spine in 59 per cent Next most frequently involved nere the femur dorsal spine ribs and shoulder girdle in the order named. Pathological fractures were found in the femur, classicle, pains, and lumbar vertebra. None of the patients was bedradden solely because of bone lesions.

Treatment of the local disease was limited to pulliative measures. The plan of therapy in varcinoms of the prostate with metastases cranet he standardized. Fransizethral resection sometimes renders more extensive surgery unprecessing High voltage X-rays and radium were the most effective agents for the relief of pain due to metastases.

Postmortem examinations in 74 per cent of the cases showed metastases other than in home most often in the himph nodes, lungs, and have Pselone-phritis was the direct cause or the most important contributing cause of death in 41 per cent of the cases. Chinically, advanced rend intection may exist without significant poin and tenderness in the kidney region. Extensive pselonephritis may occur without marked cleartion of the bland nitrogen. He phenolsulphonphthalein test of tend function often affords a more accurrite picture of the degree of kidney damage than chemical studies of the bland.

LOUIS NICHIET, M.D.

Moore, C. R.: Testicular Biology, Serotal Function, and the Male Sex Hormone Ve French J. Med., 1955, 217-122

The author discusses some of the phases of spermatogenic activity and hormone secretion and function

In animals made cryptorchid surrecally, the germinal epithelium become completely disorganized in one week and the testicle free of germ cells in three weeks. Complete recovery resulted in from two to three months. When animals were made cryptorchid shortly after birth and the testicles were returned to the scrotum after five months, spermatogene function was recovered in from seventy to ninety days. The scrotal replacement five months after birth corresponded to scrotal replacement in a human male between twenty and twenty-five years old. The degenerative changes were due to the increased temperature to which the testicle was exposed. The scrotal sac is an effective thermal regulator.

Contrary to former behef, vasectomy does not lead to the loss of all spermatogenetic function. Hypertrophy of the interstitual cells does not necessarily follow, and even if it does occur, we cannot take it for granted that increased hormone secretion will result. Moreover, it is not established that excessive amounts of hormone lead to rejuvenation

Testicular grafts can be implanted in many places, but spermatogenesis occurs only in grafts placed in the scrotum. Of over 100 transplant itions in young rats the author obtained a successful incorporation in about 50 per cent. Autolyzing transplants produce no hormone.

Recovering the secretion or secretions of the testis has been facilitated by suitable methods of identifying them. The chief tests of identification are the castrated cock's comb regeneration test, the sper-

metorian motility test, and the electrical elaculation test. The source of the hormone is chiefly the tests of the hall, goat ram, and pie and the urine of human males exclusive of tooys under ten vest of age. In man and the rat, the hormone secretion is continuous after it once begins. In certain other vertebrates it is seasonal. The hormone is not stored in the boal, but is secreted in the urine.

It has been admittely of this head that the hypophysis is the major factor in the regulation of testicular activity, both that of spermatogenesis and that of hormone secretion. Absence of the hypophy is leads to inability of the roads to produce hormone or sperms. Introduction of hypophysical material increases born one secretion, but does not greatly stimulate spermatogenesic function. The amount of hypophysical secretion in the blood is insufficient to stimulate the testis to full activity. Excessive amounts of periodal hormone are in amount of spermatogenic function.

The gondal hormone has a triple function as it controls the accessory sexual organs, the sex drive and certain characters in line ling.

In conclusion the author states that their facts necessitate a change in certain theories with record to varietions, gland transplantation, and the effects of extration. As on a McNata, MD

Baccarini, L.: A Contribution to the Study of Chronic So-Called Aspecific Orchitis and Epididymitis (Contribute also studio delle orchopped diamitic configuration of the specification of the studio diamitic for 1945, \$13, \$170.

The author discusses the salient features of the relatively recently recognized orchitis and epidicipalities to organisms other than those of tuberculosis, syphila, and gonorries, and of bacteriologically negative cases of orchitis and epididy mitis with tibrosis.

He then reports in detail a case of chronic conditions architis. While the condition in this case may be a been related to an attack of typhoid lever occurring twenty years previously. Baccarini behaves it more probable that the swelling in the scrotum has due to infection by the diplococcus mucosus secondary to urethritis. It is well known that the diplococcus mucosus may be present in the urethric under normal conditions.

A Louis Rose, M.D.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Scheele, R. Traumatic Injuries of the Kidney, Ureter, and Bladder (Unfall - Nere, Harnbeiter, Blass) Zentralbl f Chir., 1934, p. 1883

In this article, which is an address delivered at a meeting of the Accident and Insurance Medical Association in Berlin, Scheele presents a comprehensive review of, and the more recent opinions concerning, the results of accidental injuries and occupational diseases of the urinary organs.

He emphasizes the principles to be followed in determining whether a causal connection may be assumed between changes in the urnary organs and an accident with consideration of the intensity of the force exerted the immediate local and general symptoms, and the interruption of work caused by the injury. He states that an effusion of blood into the Lidney does not nece sarily communicate with an exacustory route. Even in severe impures, days may pass before it hecemes evident as breakfuses. On like other hand, injuries giving rate to apparently secretarion, becausion may be followed by prompt and exercis, theretain may be followed by prompt and the necessity for coretigen examination.

The appearance of albumin feucocytes and eryths rocytes in the urire should by no means he considered and treated as a non specific phenomenon The urine will show their presence with the renal parenchyma destroyed by the injury is replaced by scar tissue. In injuries to the Lidney immediate surgical intervention is indicated only by serious internal hemorrhage or the suspicion of associated injury to other organs. If operation is deemed reces sary every effort should be made to preserve the hidney even though nephrectumy would perhaps give airmler nound conditions from ten to twenty days after nephrectomy it may be assured that the remaining healthy kidney has adjusted itself to take over the added nork. However the body may reoure from one to two years to become accustomed to the new conditions

The post traumatic formation of stone in the hid may which is very rare may be brought about by two groups of conditions the development of centers of stone formation and changes in the urine The centers of the stone formation are foreign bodies with a surfax is that is foreign to urine which disturb the colloadis equilibrium of the urine in the lather and renal pelvas. To these nuclei the stone forming materials become atta hed. Scheele discusses the possible changes in the condition of the urine which result from various indicates. He desis satisfied with a mumber of injuries in which the requirements with a number of injuries in which the requirements of special interest alone foreign of the leading to the formation of kidney stones follows g impures to the equipe and giantle ord

While Scheele re, exts the theory that a wandering what is perioduced by a single trauma be states that stoch an injury can easily cause an exist ing wandering, kidney to begin existing symptomia. The conditions are similar to those of tenal tumor particularly hypernephroma Of course brone rhages are needed about proof of the occurrence thanks are needed.

of trauma In discus any the sequely of mauries to the weter Scheele calls attention to the difficulties in the diag noses and the relationships between the direct con sequences of the mjury and atony of the prefer He discusses in detail traumatic injuries of the bladder which are possible under certain conditions but are due much more frequently to general or local dis eases He reports his not inconsiderable experience with bladder tumors in workers in the amine dve industry and with hematuria in acute aniline por on ing He states that during observation to a period of several years he has never seen the development of a tumor in cases of the latter condition. He reports also his observations with regard to disturbances of bladder function and their relation to minry

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## SURGERY OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS

# CONDITIONS OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS, ETC.

Anseroff, N. J: The Arteries of the Long Bones of Man (Die Arterien der langen Knochen des Menschen) Zischr. f. inat, 1934, 193 793

The author reports studies of the relation of the arteries to the long bones in man, which is of particular importance in the localization of surgical tuberculosis and acute osteomyelitis, and reviews in detail our present knowledge of the subject. His investigations were carried out on many bone preparations representing all ages from the fifth month of intra-uterine life to adult age and prepared by various methods. Besides roentgen examination after injection, the clearing method of Spaltcholz was used after previous decalcification. Macroscopic studies were made of the macerated bones obtained from the cadayers of 131 children and 150 adults.

The author states that the arteries of the diaphysis are the most important for the nutrition and the growth of the bone. These arteries are most numerous up to the age of two years. They then diminish in number and increase in caliber. The maximum caliber is reached at the fourth year of age. It is noteworthy that the foramina nutritia are narrower externally than at the entrance into the

marrow cavity

In the stage of most active growth the vascular tree shows a brushlike branching Later, when growth is limited to the epiphyses, it assumes a reticular appearance. As a result of growth, the arteries of the bone change their direction. While they are originally perpendicular to the long axis of the bone, they later enter at an acute angle. Corresponding to the various periods of growth, namely, in the first and second growth periods, there are changes in caliber and branching.

The arteries of the compact bone in the diaphysis are in direct communication with those of the mar-They are very numerous in youth on the surfaces, but retrogress later except in the apophysis and the tuberosities. In youth, the arteries of the spongiosa of the diaphysis are arranged in brush formation. In the process of growth they are transformed into a reticulum. The arteries of the epiphysis enter the epiphysis gradually with the formation of cartilaginous canals Except in the upper part of the femoral epiphysis, they are nowhere in communication with the metaphyseal arteries At the upper end of the femur there is the fossa inter-trochanterica Toward the end of the period of growth, at about the nineteenth year, the communicating branches between the epiphyseal and metaphyseal arteries appear through the epiphysis These branches gradually increase up to the

end of the period of growth and the epiphysis finally disappears (MAN BUDDY) JACOB E KILIN, M D

Hunter, D., and Wiles, P.: Dyschondroplasia (Ollier's Disease). Bril J Surg, 1935, 22: 507

Dyschondroplasia is a disease of the growing ends of the bones in which ossification of the cartilage fails to take place, with the result that areas of cartilage remain in the ends of the diaphysis. It is usually unlateral, but many bilateral cases have been re-

ported

The authors report a case of dyschondroplasia in a boy seven years old who began to limp at the age of eighteen months On examination, the right leg was found to be 2 in shorter than the left. Most of the difference was in the femur The right femur showed a shight outward bow, and there was limitation of abduction at the right hip Roentgenograms of the right side disclosed lesions in the humerus, radius, metacarpals, hand phalanges, pelvis, femur, tibia, fibula, metatarsals, and phalanges of the foot. The most pronounced changes were in the lower end of the femur and upper end of the tibia. The normal pattern of the spongy bone had been replaced by dense longitudinal bony trabeculæ with small, pale, mottled areas and scattered, dense, punctate spots The pale areas varied in width from o r to 0.5 cm Chemical study of the blood showed the serum calcium to be 10 5 mgm per 100 c cm, the plasma phosphorus, 3 6 mgm per 100 c cm, and the plasma phosphatase, 0 335 mgm The biopsy report on bone removed from the lower end of the tibia was as follows "The corticalis contains a large, irregular piece of hyalin cartilage. It does not have the appearance of normal epipliyseal cartilage. There is calcification on part of its periphery where the cells In other parts the cartilage are hypertrophied passes directly into a zone of fibrous tissue inclusion of atypical epiphyseal cartilage remnants in the cortex is characteristic of congenital dyschondroplasia. There is no evidence of rickets or malacia "

The authors state that in every case of an unusual lesion in the end of a long bone a roentgen examination of the entire skeleton should be made for dyschondroplasia. The more rapidly growing end of the bone is most affected. The center of the shaft usually remains normal. In the upper end of the femur the lesion begins in the lesser trochanter and spreads across to the greater trochanter. In the ilium only the periphery is affected. Here the striped appearance of ossification is most noticeable. In the hand and foot bones the areas of abnormal cartilage in the cortex cannot be distinguished from simple enchondromata which occur independently of dyschondroplasia. The striped appearance of the bone

structure may be replaced by speckling as the pa tient grows older, but the hone probably never be comes quite normal

The positive diagnosis of dyschundroplasta is based on the following facts

I The onset occurs in early childhood

2 Pountgenograms show changes limited to the ends of long hones. The rarefied areas present a

stripe I appearance which in later years becomes speckled 3 The rarefied areas if examined histologically.

are found to contain cartilage There are several other diseases from which the disease must be differentiated. Disphyseal aclasia or multiple exostosis has a strong hereditary feature tends to involve the entire shaft and causes broaden ing of the epiphyses but does not change the homegeneous structure of the bone. Multiple enchan dromatous occurs usually in the hand and foot bones Generalized osteitis fibrosa may produce pale cost like areas in any part of the skrieton with expansion of the cortex. It is mo e than a bone disease as the calcium in the blood serum and urine is high and the placed antech and his to be regarded as due to hyperparathyroidism estertis fibrona may affect several bones in a hap hazard manner but the chemical character of the blood is normal

Deformities such as bowing of the bones often appear after the are of five or six years Most of the cases retorted are these of children but a few cases of the condition in adults are recorded \ patient who died of sarcoma at the age of thirty five had had several fractures. Another patient died at the age of forty nine years with a sarroma of the thigh and another of anemia at the age of four and a half Aside from the incidence of sarcoma, the prognosisdoes not seem to be unfavorable. Deformities may he corrected by osteotomies without fear of nonunion WILLIAM ARTHUR CLARE M.D.

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In the past thirty years a rarefied condition of bone near joints with more or less deformity has been described by many clinicians. The condition has been designated by several terms depending on the point of its localization. Formerly all of these raretactions were considered due to suberculosis. It is now generally believed that they are due to osteo

chondritis the esteechand itis has been ascribed to congenital and developmental abnormalities distru phies endorme di turbance faulty metabolism m fection aseptic necrusis due to embolism vasomotor disturbance and trauma

The author is of the opinion that trauma is the primary cause and that the deformity is the result rather than the cause of the rerefaction whereas Jan en and Calo believe that the deformity is the cause of the structural changes and suggest that there is some congenital defect perhaps a slight sub

fuxation Il pothyroidism may result in delay and pregularity in oscilication of the epiphysi Inder such conditions weight bearing may deform the epiphysis so that ostenchondritts is suggested Rickets and scure) may p saluce bone changes but the changes due to these conditions do not localize in the same manner as osteochondritis. Moreover a hi tory of rickets is given in only about 30 per cent of cases of osteochandritis Some surgeons have reported finding streptococci in cureitage of the femural head affected by esteoch numits. Such a finding is very sare and may be due to secondary infection in an area of low resistance. Sensis may produce a mentgen picture indistinguishable from that of extenchandritis at a certain stage but the chinkal history and subsequent roentgen examina turn will differentiate the two conditions

Separation of a bone from its blood supply is frequently observed but the behavior of the detached bone does not come le with that of the bone in astrochandritis. Therefore the theory of em-

bolism may be ruled out

according to Lenche and I obcard by peremis to sultain ratefaction and anemia in increased densit, However osteochondritis cannot be explained on this basis According to this theory Lochler's diease of the tarsal acaphoid would be the result of a hyperemia of all of the hones of the foot except the diseased scaphoid which is much more dense than the surrounding bones. The author believe that the hi pertrophy of the femoral neck ascribed by Legg to hyperemia is due to compre ion by weight bear ing rather than to changes in blood supply

in support of the theory that o teochandrits : due primarily to trauma is the fact that the bores most often affected-the head of the femur the head of the second metatarsal the semilunar bone and the vertebra -are subject to the stress of woight bearing or other functional strains and the fact a history of traums is obtained in about half of the cases. In some instances the trauma has been severe enough to justify roentgen ray examination andings were negative but osteochandritis devel oped later it is suggested that the injury caused damage to the blood supply or nerves

The early symptoms of Legg Perthes disease or osteochond ites of the hip are himping and a tend ency toward adduction. In a few cases there is pain which is sometimes referred to the knee Motion is usually fine except for himitation of abduction and rotation. The roentgen hadings are sometimes more pronounced than is expected from the chaical symptor's The earliest lesion observed is an increase in the density of the femoral capital epiphysis. O teo porosi of the adjacent diaphysis occurs later and is followed by fragmentation of the head Compression and flattening of the head and expansion of the end of the draphysis o cur next After about eighteen month there are signs of regeneration in the epiph sas of the absorption of dense fragments and of obliteration of the osteoporo is in the upper end of the diaphysis After about four years the cancellous structure of the bone will be normal, but the deformity in outline will remain. The epiphyseal

growth cartilage does not disappear

Most authorities agree that the treatment of osteochondritis of the hip should include immobilization. However, a few hold that it is unnecessary. The author is of the opinion that immobilization should be continued as long as the roentgenogram shows the bone to be plastic, that is, incapable of standing normal pressure without being deformed Its continuation may be necessary for as long as four years. No treatment yet known will check or hasten the course of the disease.

Osteochondritis of the second metatarsal is more common in females than in males Sometimes there is a history of injury to the foot. The head of the metatarsal is tender and painful and shows flattening in the roentgenogram. Adults may have this affection. Flat-foot is present in most cases. The treatment should be rest with the foot in a cast. When walking is begun again the shoe should have

a metatarsal bar.

Osteochondritis of the tarsal scaphoid (Koehler's disease) occurs in children from two and a half to ten years of age. However, fully 60 per cent of children with the condition are between five and six years old Swelling and tenderness are present over the bone and there is pain on weight bearing. As the scaphoid is the last bone in the foot to ossify, it is more susceptible to trauma than the other bones The symptoms of osteochondritis of the tarsal scaphoid may be present for three years. The treatment indicated for the condition is immobilization in a cast with the foot in slight supination and protection from weight-bearing until the roentgenogram shows the bone structure to be normal condition may occur in adults The author reports five such cases and attributes the condition to trauma.

In the wrist, Kienboeck's disease of the semilunar bone and Preiser's disease of the scaphoid bone are usually the result of injury. The patient appears to recover from the trauma, but pain and disability develop later. The semilunar bone is involved much more frequently in men than in women. The wrist should be immobilized in hyperextension until the roentgenogram shows regeneration of the bone.

Osteochondritis dissecans occurs usually in the knee joint in persons between sixteenth and twenty-fifth years of age. It causes the separation of small pieces of cartilage and superficial bone with the formation of loose bodies. Removal of the loose bodies by operation is usually necessary to relieve

the symptoms

Osgood-Schlatter's disease of the tibial tubercle occurs usually between the thirteenth and fifteenth years of age and almost always in boys. Sudden, violent contracture of the quadriceps muscle may tear the tubercle from its bed. In chronic cases there is tenderness over the tubercle on pressure and on extreme flexion of the knee. In this location the clinical symptoms are more definite than the roent-

gen findings The knee is best treated by immobiliza-

tion for from six to eight weeks

Kuemmel's disease of the vertebral bodies is usually related to trauma. The roentgenogram taken immediately after the injury will be negative, but the roentgenogram taken after two or three months will show an osteoporosis and more or less compression of one or more of the vertebral bodies. The symptoms will suggest tuberculosis, but this disease can be ruled out by the roentgen findings. The patient should be kept recumbent on a hyperextension frame for from three to six months.

WILLIAM ARTHUR CLARK, M D

Putti, V., and Casuccio, C.: Joint Thermometry (Saggi di termometria articolare). Chir di organi di movimento, 1934, 19 417.

By "joint thermometry" the authors mean the measurement of the temperature of the skin over a joint. Bier called attention to the fact that there is a rise of temperature in the skin over a deep inflammation and reported that whenever much bleeding occurred from an abdominal incision he always found a focus of deep inflammation beneath the hyperemic skin area.

The authors point out the difficulties in making accurate determinations of the temperature of the skin over joints and describes a method for determining the temperature of the entire joint surface at once. They present the results of the use of this

method in a large number of joint diseases

They found that in all acute diseases of the joints. tuberculosis, tumor, and juxta-articular osteomyelitis there was a rise of temperature which differed in degree depending on the nature of the disease and its localization. In non-tuberculous arthritis, such as infectious, syphilitic, and rheumatic arthritis, the rise of temperature was less than in the tuberculous forms The average rise was o of degree. but most of the cases of arthritis were in the subacute stage Acute cases rarely come to the Putti Clinic In post-traumatic arthritis the rise averaged 2 02 degrees, but the temperature varied greatly in the different phases of the disease. In osteomyelitis the average rise was o 7 degree and extended a considerable distance from the focus of inflammation. Of three bone cysts, one showed a rise of 1 degree, one a rise of o 7 degree, and one no rise. In a case of tumor, the first determination showed a rise of o 53 degree and a determination made eight months later after the tumor had undergone malignant degeneration, a rise of 1 2 degrees. In tuberculosis, the average use in the cases of patients under eighteen years of age was 1 00 degrees, and in the cases of patients over that age 1 50 degrees. In individual cases there were rises of 3 or 4 degrees

The authors state that the determination of the local temperature of a joint is of great value both in diagnosis and prognosis. A local temperature curve should be made as well as a general temperature curve. The local rise of temperature persists long

after the general fever has fallen

In a number of the cases studied by the authors the drep temperature of the joints was measured with Londek's deep thermometer. This temper ature was found to be swent deepnes higher than the surface temperature. Lipry Cos. Mor. N. M.D.

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Lenti P Chronic Syphilitic Arthritis (Arthritis croniche factich.) Chie d'organi di moismentii 1934 19 465

Four cases of chronic syphilitic arthritis are reported with rountgenograms and photomerographs. The first case was that of a child five years of age who presented a series of congenital syphilitic bone. and joint lessons. The diaphyses of the tibiz preserted mory like hyperostores while the epiphyses and heads of the femora presented esteochondros s showing alternating dense and clear areas in the There were changes in the epi tocnfeeungram. phy wal lines of ossitications of the tibyr correspond ing to the second and third degrees of Wegner's classification. The tibio were curved to an extent which interfered seriou ly with walking. Although specific treatment had been begun at the age of eighteen months it had not checked the development of the bone lessors. The curvature of the tibia was corrected by surgical operation but there is still a marked varus of the femora. The lesions in this case were chiefly osteochondatic whereas in the

three other cases they were chiefly synovial The second case was one of acquired syphilis in a man thirty nine years of age. The patient had acquired syphilis at the age of twenty years and had been given apocific treatment with bismuth and neusalvarsan Hydrona of the knee mints developed at the age of twenty nine Numerous punctures were made and sodium salicylate was injected into the joints without effect. The wearing of a plaster cast for ex months had had only a slight effect When the patient was admitted to the author's clinic the joints were ensemously swallen and their movements very much limited. The Wassermannie action was positive in the blood and in the joint fluid removed by puncture. Intense antisyphilitic treat ment resulted in some improvement, but are months later the patient returned on account of aggravation of the condition. When the joint capsule was opened the sprovia was found extremely vaccular relvety and the color of red wine. The joint surfaces were apparently intact The patient refused synovectomy His condition is now stationary and he returns for evacuation of the fluid every two or three months The Wa ermann has become negative in the blood but is still positive in the joint fluid. Mobility is relatively good though flevion is limited in a right angle

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Differential diagnosis is almost impossible in chronic syphilitic arthritis Gonorrheal arthritis can be excluded quite easily, but it is very difficult to exclude tuberculosis and practically impossible to Even the exclude chronic articular rheumatism therapeutic test is not absolute as specific treatment often gives good results in non-syphilitic cases and the salicylates often fail even in rheumatic cases Long and patient observation and close co-operation between the physician, surgeon, and pathologist are essential Rarely, typical gummas are found, and in some cases miliary gummas

AUDREY GOSS MOPGAN, M D

Hultén, O.: The Development and Treatment of Malacia of the Lunate Bone-Kienboeck's Disease (Ueber die Entstehung und Behandlung der Lunatummalazie-Morbus Kienboeck) .1cla chirurg Scand, 1935, 76 121

The author regards so-called malacia of the lunate bone as a primary fracture although its occurrence and further development have a special character because of the special anatomical conditions of the lunate bone

As most of the lunate bone is covered with cartilage and only a small part with periosteum, sensitivity of the bone to pain is very slight. It is especially slight in the proximal part where the earliest changes of Kienboeck's disease are found Therefore the pain of a compression fracture may be so slight that the patient will not remember the trauma As the result of continued demands made upon the wrist and the poor regenerative power of the lunate bone, there occurs a slowly progressing degenerative process which becomes noticed only gradually

Of importance in the occurrence of a fracture is the fact that the proximal articular surface of the lunate bone articulates with two bones, the radius and the ulna, which are covered with cartilage of different consistency Wrists in which the ulna is shorter than the radius are predisposed to malacia of the lunate

In early cases of Kienboeck's disease with slight changes it may be sufficient to treat the wrist with rest Under such treatment the process may become healed although the deformity of the bone persists The period of fixation must be a long one The author recommends immobilization for at least four months In old cases with severe changes and continuous pain, the lunate bone must be extirpated

The problem of compensation is unfavorable for the patient because, the pain and functional disturbances immediately after the injury having been insignificant, he is usually unable to remember the

accident

Calchi Novati, G., and Cossali, C : A Characteristic Change in the Fingers of Milkers (Di una caratteristica alterazione delle dita delle mani nei mungitori) Radiol med., 1935, 22 27

The authors describe a form of occupational deformity of the fingers noted in twelve professional

milkers This deformity is usually localized to the distal interphalangeal articulation of the index and middle fingers Sometimes the thumb is involved. Changes in the little finger are rare

During the early stage there may be no objective signs of the changes or a slight enlargement of the distal articulation of the second or third finger or both. The enlargement is seen especially on the dorsal and ulnar sides of the articulation The affected portion is deviated slightly down and inward. Roentgen examination discloses a swelling of the soft parts of the affected regions which is most marked on the ulnar side. During the transition from the first to the second stage the joint space becomes decreased, the joint surface becomes enlarged, and the roentgenogram shows osteophyte formation which is most marked in the lateral parts of the articular capsule The condition resembles a chronic deforming arthrosis

In the second stage all of the signs become more marked and the deformity is clearly evident. The joint is considerably enlarged, the deformed phalanx is bent toward the palm and radially, there is no active or passive movement toward extension, and flexion is limited

It is noteworthy that the lesion develops very In two of the authors' patients who had worked as milkers for thirty-five and twenty-six years respectively and who showed no evidence of thumb involvement the lesion resembled a chronic deforming arthrosis with subluvation and osteophyte formation These changes are not associated with pain in either the early or advanced stages. In this form of arthrosis the changes occur first in the soft parts and later in the bone, whereas in true arthritis and arthrosis pain is always present, the joint surfaces are involved first, and the more superficial tissues become involved later

In the authors' cases examination of the rest of the skeleton failed to disclose any other lesions or any infective diathesis. The only apparent cause of the condition was the occupational trauma

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Buckley, C. W.. Fibrositis, Lumbago, and Sciatica. Practitioner, 1935, 134 129

Fibrositis, as defined by Gowers, is an inflammation of the superficial fascia, fascial planes, aponeuroses, tendons, and ligaments, tendon sheaths, bursæ, and nerve sheaths It may be produced by acute or chronic trauma, toxins of metabolic or bacterial origin, or bacterial infection While in a large proportion of cases lumbago and sciatica are due to fibrositis, they are dealt with separately in this article on account of the importance of other

The first symptoms of fibrositis are pain and stiffness Later, small, palpable, tender nodules of induration may be found. In the subcutaneous forms the skin is adherent and cannot be picked up in a The pain is produced by tension within the tightly bound tissues Another cause of symptoms is the pressure of swellen fibrous tissue around nerve trunks and nerve roots. Intermiscully froms of fibro tits are common following exercise by the sub-pert when not in condition and are more presistent in older than in yourger persons. For twokerment of the arm, which is commonly called neurins the term brachasigns would be better. The increase in the symptoms during work with the arm extended is evaluated by pressure on the brachasi fless measured to the contracted shoulder and nerve compression by the contracted shoulder and nerve compression by the contracted shoulder and nerve may suggest anging performs and performany suggest anging performs and productively. In the plan of the hand fibrosities results in Duput teen a contracture. In the aide of the foot its symptoms are those of arch attraction.

The treatment should consist in the removal of foci of infection and regulation of the diet to facili tate digestion and elimination ( plonic lavage may be necessary if consunation is severe The diet should be low in carbohydrates and vield an abun dance of fluids. For the subsytaneous form of fibrositis baths with common sods or Fosom salts are benehesal Ma sage should be very light Com plete or partial immobilization may be required when a shoulder or other deep joint is involved. If there is fever rest in bed will insure a more rapid recovery. In the intercostal type of fibrositis adhesive strapping with the use of belladonna winter green or menthol will decrease the de comfort. In acute cases heat may be applied in various wave such as by hot baths positives paraff a bath dry baling, infrared irradiation and disthermy Free perspiration and reddening of the skin should be ob tained. In chronic forms, the application of heat should be only preliminary to massage and cuts phoresis Massage should be applied chiefly over the muscle. It should be avoided over joints and used with care over nerve trunks. In the author's ominion vaccines are of no value but the protein shock from injections of sterile milk is sometimes beneficial The use of sulphur for rheumatism has been popular for generations. Sulphur may be given combined with milk in the form of parolactin is possible that the value of omons and garlie is due to their sulpbur content

It may be associated with abnormality of the verte here or soints visceral disorders postural defects tubercules arthritis or a localization of toxina from a septic tooth the tonsil or the gall bladder frauma may also be an important factor strain of a chronic flat foot may be transmitted to the lumbar muscles A good way to differentiate between sacro that tra n and lumbago is to compare the amount of flexion of the spine in the standing and sitting positions. In the former condit on the degree of flexion is greater in the sitting position because of the release of the hamstrings whereas in the latter condition there is no difference or the flexion may be greater in the standing position With the patient lying on his back fexion of the hip with the knee straight will be painful and probably will stop at

Lumbago is usually more than a simple fibrositis

about 120 degrees if the sacro-line joints are in volved. This so due to prasm of the hamstring. Unlateral pam in the lower back is diagnostic of a sacro-line leason. If the pams felt in the mid thigh the symptoms are probably due to neurins of the scattle truth. Ankylos ng spondylitis and ostro-arthuris are readily diagnosed by roentgen examinations and the sacro-line least demonstrated that the articular manner of the sacro-line services are such as demonstrated that the articular services are such as the such a

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In 1905 Pellegrini published a complete report of paracondyloid ossitication following an injury to the knee joint. He believed that two factors play a role

in its production, one, a periosteal proliferation directly connected with the medial femoral condyle, and the other an osseous metaplasia of the ligaments In 1908, Stieda reported on the pathogenesis of this lesion He concluded that it is always associated with a fracture of the medial epicondyle of the femur and tearing of the muscle attachments In 1913, Ewald advanced the theory that an extravasation of blood and synovial fluid occurs into the internal lateral ligament and ultimately leads to calcification In 1023, Schueller and Weil claimed that the contusion produces a metaplasia of the connective In 1933, Freund published an excellent pathological description in which he stated that there were three different types of bone growth: (1) a primitive infiltrative bone growth on the basis of connective tissue, (2) bone formation which is similar to callus formation, and (3) an endochondral formation of bone

There seems to be general agreement that this mass is of traumatic origin. A so-called strain or tear of the internal lateral ligament may be the primary factor. It is generally accepted that, under certain stimuli, connective tissue may assume embryonal appearances and form bone by metaplasia. According to the roentgenograms, the mass is parosteal and produced by a metaplasia of the internal lateral ligament of the knee joint. The condition may be related to myositis ossificans. Kulowski has shown such a relationship to be highly probable.

The authors believe that the occurrence of a fracture is not essential for the production of ossification of the internal lateral ligament. In support of this opinion they cite two cases

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## SURGERY OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS, ETC.

Tománek, F.: The Recognition and Treatment of Bone Sarcoma (Erkennung und Behandlung des Knochensarkoms) Rochl Chir a Gynaek Č chir, 1934, 13 134

To clarify the problem of primary bone tumors American surgeons have classified such tumors as follows (1) periosteal fibrosarcomas, (2) benign and malignant osteogenic tumors, (3) benign giant-cell tumors, (4) benign and malignant angiomas, (5) Ewing's sarcomas, and (6) myelomas The giant-cell tumor is separated from the sarcoma group, just as Ewing's tumor was separated from the osteogenic sarcomas, because it differs in its clinical aspects and its response to therapy.

Osteogenic sarcomas are the bone sarcomas which arise from bone cells Connective, cartilaginous, osteoid, or bone tissue may be formed The formation of bone is a higher property of the tumor cells These osteosarcomas are the most common They constitute 50 per cent of all bone tumors and 80 per cent of mahignant bone tumors In 72 per cent of the cases they occur in the lower extremities, almost always in the metaphysis In 52 per cent they occur

in the femur and in 20 per cent in the tibia They are never found in the distal third of the tibia or radius They occur in the humerus in only 9 per cent of cases, usually near the attachment of the deltoid They always give rise to metastases in the lungs They never grow through the articular cartilage, hence movement of the joint remains good Osteosarcomas may be osteoblastic and osteolytic.

On the basis of their histogenesis Geschickter divides osteosarcomas into two groups: (1) cartilaginous sarcomas, and (2) fibro-osseous sarcomas Phemister's chondrosarcomas and chondromyxosarcomas arise from the precartilaginous connective tissue and are primary and secondary. The primary are of the periosteal type and very malignant. They appear between the fourteenth and twenty-fifth years of age and cause death within fourteen months. The secondary chondromyxosarcomas occur after the thirtieth year of age in persons with some kind of benign bone disease (evostosis, chondroma) which has undergone malignant degeneration. The subjective symptoms require from five to twenty-five years to develop The tumor grows slowly and becomes large. It metastasizes slowly, but recurs immediately when removed incompletely. The cartilaginous tumor of the small bones of the hand and foot (with the exception of the os calcis) are benign, but chondromas of the long bones, the spine, and the pelvis are always malignant sarcomas when the symptoms increase Chondroblastic sarcomas arise from the cells of the epiphyseal cartilage. They are rare and very malignant. They occur usually between the fourteenth and nineteenth years of age in the distal end of the femur and the proximal end of the tibia and humerus Fibro-osseous osteosarcomas are central and periosteal Those of the central type arise usually in the spongiosa of the long bones and are osteolytic. As a rule they occur in the distal end of the femur and the proximal end of the tibia between the tenth and twentieth years of age. The temperature is elevated and there is a leucocytosis Sclerotic periosteal sarcomas arise from the osteogenic layers of the periosteum and are osteolytic They occur between the tenth and twenty-fifth years of age Eighty per cent involve the distal end of the femur and the proximal end of the tibia Pathological fractures are rare roentgen picture is typical

Sarcomatous degeneration in Paget's disease occurs between the sixty-fifth and seventieth years of age Osteitis fibrosa and bone tuberculosis also may undergo sarcomatous degeneration after roentgen therapy.

The sarcomas which arise in the neighborhood of bone produce symptoms similar to those of osteogenic sarcomas. They develop from the external layers of the periosteum, the fasciæ, nerves, and vessels. When the tumor grows into the bone, it appears on clinical and roentgenological examination to have had its origin in the bone. Periosteal fibrosarcoma arises from non-specific tissue and is not able to form bone. It remains long unencapsulated

In enlarging it displaces the neighboring soft tissues Unlike the osteo-arcoma it does not grow into the musculature. Its usual sites are the proximal end of the tibia and the distal end of the femur It grows very slowly over a period of three or fou years. It is not distributed evenly around the bone, but grows as a mass on one side. In the treatment of osten sarcoma amputation and disarticulation are to be considered. Only in cases of secondary chondro. my tosarcomas to radical relection and radium or coentgen treatment possible. In case of recurrence amputation is necessary Cure of osteosarcoma by only in children and in these cases the diagnosis has not always been certain. Amputation is necessary Therefore it is improper to waste immediately time on prophylactic teradiations. Some parts of the osteosarcoma may respond to irradiation but as the composition of the tumor is not uniform healing of the entire tumor canno' be expected. Be cause of the radiosensitivity of some portions pro phylactic treadiation after amputation is generally believed to be necessary. Amputation must be per formed also for fibro arcoma of the soft parts. Cure has never been obtained without it Neurosarcomas are very malignant. In cases of periosteal fibrosar come thorough excision and irradiation may be tried. If recurrence appears amputation should be done at once

Evang, a saccima in contrast to osteosaccoma cocurs in the smaller boses of the extremities and still and in the diaphissis of the long boses. As a rule it appears at multiple size. It occurs most frequently in children between hie and influent sears at the contrast of the case of Foung a saccoma are those of males. The tumor is radiosensitive and is the only one of the bose strongs for which operation can be replaced by treatlanton. Amputatis is not to be contrast of the disease at other size.

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Ostetits abrota is a beingin process of regenerative and resorptive character in which the spongood is transformed into connective tissue. The bone be comes thin and resorbed and is replaced by porous bone which is often devoid of calcium. The disease develops very slowly and pain is slight or abent. As in I aget's disease, saccomatous degeneration is not rate. The treatment is surgical (excollection).

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processes of unknown cause

Myeloma attacks regularly the middle of the long bones and the smaller bones. The destruction is very rapid. The tumor is most frequent in men be tween the ages of forty and sixty years. Its onset is accompanied by pain and lever. The spleen is en larged and the bones soon fracture. The treatment is irradiation Biopsy and pathologico anatomical diagnosis is very difficult in bone sarcomas if only for the reason that the findings may be quite differ ent even in two parts of the tumor close together Hence excuson from a number of areas and par ticularly from the center of the tumor is neces ary Freewon from the surface of a sarcoma leads to the diagnosis of giant cell tumor or osteria fibrosa. The finding of esteries fibrose in one area is not sufficient for the diagnosis. The histological picture must agree with the roentgen and chinical budings Bionsy is not without danger in osteo-sarcomas

I rophylactic irradiation of osteosarcomas only po tpones amputation. O teosarcoma cannot be cured by trradiation because only some portions of it are radiosensitive. When after the irradiation the non specific and for the most part giant cell in filtrate disappears and the circumference of the tumor and the semptoms decrease there is danger that false hopes on the part of the patient and his family may lead to postponement of the operation the only means by which life can be saved. On the other hand irradiation is indicated for Lwing s sar come and the grant cell tumor and is justified for moperable surcomas Roentgenological diagnosis is very important and should be made by a roent ernologist. The findings in a biopsy specimen are not absolutely reliable as they are for instance in the epithelial tumors. The history and the clinical and rorntgenological findings are more important than the histological findings

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Diaz G Resection Arthrodesis as a Method of Treating Tubercultous Cositis in the Adult (the Resekti nourhrode e als Behandlungsmethode det tuberkultown Louisis bein Freachen) Zuthr f orthog Chir xylt 32

Since as a rule tuberculosis has its origin in clu'd hood the adult has usually developed good powers of resistance to st which prevent dissemination of the condition However, we have as yet no certain method of recognizing inadequate defense due to allergic regression, which renders a case of tuberculous coxitis unsuitable for surgical treatment, or of distinguishing chronic cases in the stage of clinical latency, which are favorable for operation

As a rapid and effective treatment of coxitis in the stage of evolution, operation is often preferable for social and economic reasons to the tedious and expensive conservative method of treatment. Since ankylosing operations, which may suffice in childhood to supplement conservative therapy, do not assure complete anatomical healing, they can be regarded only as auxiliary operations, and radical

removal of the focus must take their place

Loose joint formation is most effectively corrected by resection combined with arthrodesis Of great importance in this procedure are decapitation and extensive resection of the neck which alone permit thorough removal of the acetabular focus and excision of the posterior capsulosynovial membrane For the arthrodesis the author performs an iliofemoroplasty (deflection of a pedunculated bone flap from the sacral hollow of the pelvis) by Wilson's method, which is made much easier by approximating the trochanter major to the sacral hollow of the pelvis after the described resection has been carried out Of five patients thus treated, ankylosis was complete in three after a year. In the cases of the two others the operation was performed too recently for the result to be known In three cases primary healing occurred, and in two cases a fistula formed In one of the latter the fistula persisted for three months In the other it is not yet quite healed at the end of four months. Arthrodesis resection is indicated also in cases with fistula in which secondary infection has not occurred

When operation is necessary in the early stages of tuberculous coxitis, the simple para-articular arthrodesis, such as that performed on children should be done, but the surgeon must be certain that there is no tuberculous focus in the operative field

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## FRACTURES AND DISLOCATIONS

Léwine, M. M: On the Question of the Reaction of Bony Tissue to the Introduction of Steel, One of the Causes of Complications of Osteosynthesis (Sur la question de la réaction des tissus osseux à l'introduction de l'acier, une des causes des complications de l'ostcosynthèse) Lyon chir, 1035, 32 11

The fixation of bone fragments by metal plates, proposed by Lane, Lambotte, and Tuffier toward the end of the nineteenth century, is becoming more widely accepted in spite of the early opposition to it. The author reviews briefly the opinions expressed by various writers on the subject and the results obtained by the method. In the Fraumatic Institute at Leningrad there were 7 cases of ostcosynthesis in the period from 1006 to 1027, 25 cases in the period from 1017 to 1024, and 120 cases of open operation.

with bone fixation for ununited fractures, in the period from 1925 to December 25, 1931 Of 30 patients traced for from one to eight years, the results were good in 18, satisfactory in 10, and insufficient in 2 At the last Congress of Surgeons in the Ukraine, which was held in September, 1930, it was noted that there was an increasing tendency to use this method in the treatment of fractures. It was also noted that on the removal of Lane plates after such an operation an inflammatory reaction was found in the surrounding tissues It was therefore felt important to discover a metal which would produce a minimal reaction in the tissue and be satisfactory for fixation material. In a review of the literature, Léwine found 4 articles on the subject-1 by Zirold, 1 by Ivato Kıllomi, and 2 by Vassıliew all of which were based on investigations of a large number of metals Because of the wide use of Lane plates and the possibility of various tissue reactions to different types of steel, Léwine undertook the following experiment in an endeavor to discover the steel made in USSR which could best be utilized as fixation material in bone operations

Twenty-five dogs were used Ten were under observation for five days and 15 for a month. Nine varieties of steels differing not only in chemical composition but also in physical preparation (tempering, etc.) and a Lane plate of unknown chemical composition were employed. In the right tibia a small wire or plate measuring 7 by 3 by 2 mm was introduced in a gap made in the cortex communicating with the medullary canal A similar gap was made in the left tibia for a control At the conclusion of the experiments the specimens were decalcified, mounted and stained with hematoxylin-cosin, and subjected to microscopic study. The findings are reported in detail Some of the steels caused considerable inflammatory reaction and seemed to inhibit bone repair, others caused a less marked soft-part reaction, and a third group stimulated the process of bone repair The steels used are described by number, their composition and preparation not From his observations the author being given

draws the following conclusions:

r Most steels can influence the regenerative processes of bone in one way or another. Steels Nos 1 and 7 seemed to delay the formation of bone Steels Nos 4, 8, 0, 5, 3 had no apparent influence on the bony impaired Steels Nos 2 and 6 and the Lane plate of unknown composition activated the formation of bone around the metal

2 Almost all types of steel cause an inflammatory reaction characterized by the formation, around the metal, of a capsule of cellular tissue containing lymphoid elements. Steels Nos 1 and 7 provoked the formation of a capsule with a large number of lymphocytes and polymorphonuclear leucocytes. Steels Nos. 4, 8, 0, 5, 3 produced a capsule with fewer lymphoid cells and predominance of fibroblasts.

Lewine states that of all the steels investigated, he recommends Nos. 2 and 6 for use as plates in osteo synthesis

Barray A. B. Stimson, M. D.

Ottolenghi C E and Lagomarsino F II Complete Acromioclavicular Dislocation An Apparatus for Its Non Operative Reduction (Luxación acromioclasicular completa Dispositiso para su reducción incruenta) Rev se erten v traumatel 1934 4 15"

In the u uni variety of accommodayicular dislocation the lateral end of the clayscle is displaced upward or upward and outward. In some cales there is a fracture of the articular edges. The most common cause of the dislocation is a blow on the shoulder While reduction is easy retention is difficult be cause the chief element in the dislocation is turiture of the conord and trapezoid ligaments

The authors describe and show by illustrations an ingenious apparatus devised for the treatment of such dislocations. It consists of a well padded long strip of canvas to be placed over the affected shoulder with the center at the reduced joint and then in corporated in a plaster cast of the chest which also includes the arm on the affected side in an adducted position. The article contains roentgenograms made in three cases in which this apparatus was used with auccessful results WILLIAM R MEERER MD

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The fractures of the upper third of the ulna ac companied by dislocation of the head of the radius which were described by Monteggis in 1811 present s difficult problem. The author discusses the unrious opinions found in the literature concerning their pathological anatoms and treatment. He believes that becau e of the tendence of the ulns to angulate and force the head of the radius out of rosition after reduction the prognous is more unfavorable the longer the time between the minry and the reduct tion

Following a brief discussion of the etfology ma thology clinical manifestations and differential diagnosis of the fractures he describes his method of closed reduction by means of an apparatus producing traction and countertraction on the extremity with the forearm summated and bent at right angles to the arm If reduction is not obtained or not marn tained a pen operation with fixation of the fragments by kangaroo tendon or Parham bands is necessary Inclan has noted a marked tendency toward angula tion of the ulna and delay of union He believes that the repair of old fractures of Monteggia is very diffi cult lie reports with coentgenograms four cases of recent fractures and five cases of old fractures

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Fontatne R and Bauer R End Results of the Treatment of Fractures of the Upper Fateemity of the Radius I es résultats éjoignés du traitement des fractures le l'extrémué supérieure du radius) 1 deckie 1915 45 1 0

When fractures of the upper extremity of the rathus are unrecognized or incorrectly treated they may lead to grave desability of the elbow must The authors present a comprehensive survey of the liter ature on such fractures describing in considerable detail the various operative and non operative meth ods of treating them

They find that conservative treatment consisting of brief mmobilization in a splint or sling followed by early active motion, gives the best results in am ple assure fractures of the head communited frac tuces without displacement and fractures of the neck without displacement but is completely inade quate in fractures with gross displacement. For the latter operative treatment is generally used by some immediately and by others after attempts at reduction \arrows approaches are described-ante rior, anteromedial external and postero-external Some surgeons are content to remove the fragment whereas others systematically remove the radial head Plab covers the neck stump with fascia lata In cases of complete fracture of the head must sur geons remove the head but some replace it and suture it in place

The authors report seven cases in which early open operation was done. Four of the patients were followed for some time. A posterior approach was used The detached fragments were removed and in three cases the head was resected Movement was hogun from the fourth to the eighth day after the operation The immediate re ulta were excellent but in three of the four cases followed the end results were not so good In two of the latter there was limitation of propation and augmatten and in one, limitation of extension

The authors conclude that surgical treatment of fractures of the upper extremity of the radius rarely results in complete restoration of function fre quently rotation and flexion are somewhat limited However operative intervention is not to be con demned as the results of non-operative treatment are worse. The authors suggest modification of pres ent methods with possibly more frequent replace ment of the fragments when feasible and if removal is necessary the use of Plab's method of covering the stump with fascia BARBIRA B STIMSON MD

Piccagli & Early Treatment of Congenital Dis location of the lity (Contribute alla cura prerice della lu sazione congenita dell'anca. Che a private di monimento 1934 19 435

While formerly it was thought advisable to delay the treatment of congenital luxuitor of the hip until the patient was three or four years of age, the author believes that today with better methods of diag nosis available particularly roentgen examination if is best to begin the treatment in the first lew months of life when the plastic and regeneralise nowers of the tissues are greatest Formerly the diagnosis was rarely made before

the child was able to walk but now it can be made within the first few months of life. The author de scribes the chinical and roentgen signs in fetail Be fore the roentgen era the lact Lorenz method of re duction which is described was considered the

treatment of choice, but today a gradual method of abduction without reducing manipulations is used, the head of the femur being brought into the acetabulum gradually and progressively. If this simple method of apposing the joint surfaces is employed before the eighth month of age it may stimulate the plastic forces of the tissues sufficiently to bring about a complete cure. It is seldom followed by recurrence as there is no trauma from reduction and the treatment is given before the development of secondary changes

The method was introduced by Putti. For a period of months the legs are kept spread apart day and night by means of a wedge-shaped or triangular cushion or splint Twice a day the cushion or splint is removed for the carrying out of gradual passive movements of abduction and internal rotation. The average time required for the treatment ranges from

six to eight months

Ten cases in which this method was used are reported with roentgenograms. Eight of the patients were girls The youngest patient was three months old and the oldest fifteen months. The maximum duration of the treatment was nine months, the minimum four months, and the average six months. There were no unfavorable side-effects and no failures. The patients were examined roentgenologically before the treatment, every two months during the treatment, and for varying periods after the treat-

ment had been completed in order to be sure that the dislocation was corrected

The author believes that early abduction is a great improvement in the non-operative treatment of congenital dislocation of the hip. He summarizes its advantages as follows:

r It acts before the occurrence of secondary

changes which are the chief cause of failure

- 2 It establishes a stimulus to regeneration of the joint heads very early, advantage being taken of the maximum plastic and regenerative capacity of the tissues
- 3 Anesthesia is unnecessary and the trauma of reduction is avoided
- 4 The atrophy and functional changes resulting from long immobilization in a plaster cast are avoided.
- 5 The patient's family is saved the anxiety of the long wait between the diagnosis and the beginning of treatment
- In conclusion the author says that an active campaign should be begun to make this very simple and effective method of treatment known to the poorer classes, and when enough material has been collected a statistical study should be made of the incidence of recurrence after this procedure as compared with the incidence of recurrence after the use of the Paci-Lorenz method.

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## SURGERY OF THE BLOOD AND LYMPH SYSTEMS

#### BLOOD VESSELS

Fraser J Circulatory Diseases of the Extremities
Br t W J 1933 40

The group of conditions collectively described as concustion, disease of the extremities has concusting the species of surgical attention only within recent vears. As is narvitably the case when new helds are entered, a variety of conditions differing in their origin and pathology have been treated by operations intended to modify the sutonome, in envision. As a result research inferest has been stimulated in the autonome curvous system and you destired, accurate and coverning reperminents by destired, accurate and coverning reperminents of the propheral circulation upon a sure and a scentific they propheral circulation upon a sure and a scentific

In a review of the anatomy and physicings of the vascular system the author refers to the extremely interesting work of Grant and Bland which demon strated that direct anastomoses exist between ar terroles and venules. These channels of anastomous occur principally in the palmar skin of the hands and the plantar skin of the leet. Grant found that they are the sites of an unusually profuse distribution of persyascular sympathetic nerve fibers and are ne cultarly responsive to the action of stimuli dilating as a reaction to mechanical stimulation histamine acetyleholine and cold and contracting in the presence of adrenaum. He believes that they are to be regarded as playing an important part in the vascular reactions manifested in the skip of the hands and feet

The process of vasoconstriction is understood to be in large measure the response to a stimulus conveyed to the blood vessels along the sympathetic nerve fibers. This stimulus may originate in a va-

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The influence inducing vasodilation is not yet fully known and his been the subject of considerable dispate. Three is something to be said in favor of the contention that it is due to an inhibition of the vasoconstritor impulse. However there is evidence of a particularly combined to the said of a particular to the kin of a degree sufficient to cause the release of a bon hemical product called. He substance which somewhat resembles hustamine and acetylcholing.

The author reports experiments carried out to explain the reactions which appear in a limb when it is subjected to the influence of cold. Or the basis of his findings he suggests the following simple classification of varying diseases of the extremities.

1 (apillars diseases (3) acrocyanosis (b) ers thromelalgia 2 Arterial diseases (a) spasmodic (b) inflam matory (c) degenerative

In attempting to explain the changes characteristic of capallary diseases. I raser describes the process which he believes occurs in acrocyanosis. He states that an certain individuals the skin areas of the hands and feet are pecuharly sensitive to the effects of cold Because of this sensitivity a stimulus which would have little or no effect on an ordinary judi vidual induces an increased reflex and at the same time the production of an undue amount of the If substance The result is a comb nation of responses-a contraction of the arterioles due to an sucrease in their tone and at the same time a dilata tive of the camillary held secondary to the effect of the II substance As a consequence the skin vessels accommodate an increased amount of blood sluggish in its progress and yet capable of accompli hing a gastous exchange so that it parts with its oxygen and acquires an increased amount of ca bon dioride These changes probably explain the cold blue hands Their basis is a skin which is unduly sensitive to the influence of cold. In erythromelalgia there is a further degree of the same reaction. Besides protection of the part from cold the only treatment sug ge ted by the author is the intravenous injection of collosol sulphur in amounts of from 4 to 5 c cm

Paynaud's disease may be regarded as a typical example of the spasmodic type of arterial disease The pathological changes underlying the le ion ap pear to be of the nature of an intense constructor re spon e in the amalier arte ies principally at the point where the arteriole distribution begars. In the early blanched phase the degree of spasm is so intense that the blood supply of the periphery ap-pears to be entirely arrested. The factors responsi ble for the various reactions in this type of vaccular disease are extremely difficult to determine Ah un due degree of vasospasm may be attributed to an exaggerated stirrulus transmitted by the vasocon strictor fibers of the sympathetics. On the other hand the cause may be a fault in the vessel wall such that a stimulus of normal strength induces a reaction out at all propertion to the impulse which instituted it Certainly restation or injury of the skan is a factor in one stage of the disease but the part which it plays is probably secondary to a more primary error. The author believes that the unit mate solution will be found in the combination of current tances an abnormal degree of tone in the smaller arteries and an unduly sen itive condition of According to his experience sympa thectoms does not result in a permanent cure of the di-case but renders the attacks less frequent and less severe seems to prevent superficial gargrene, and alleviates the pain

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Thrombo-angistis obliterans, an example of the inflammatory type of arterial disease, has a curiously phasic character. While the exact nature of its cause has not been discovered, the evidence indicates that the changes are produced by a toxin circulating in the blood stream and affecting primarily the internal coat of the vessel In the degenerative types represented by arteriosclerosis, the tissue change is permanent and irremediable although some measure of vasospasm accompanies the early stages of the disease A spasmodic element may be so definite in some cases, both of the inflammatory and the degenerative types, as to lead to difficulty in the diagnosis It is obligatory to employ some of the various tests to secure vasodilatation before proceeding with treatment

In the inflammatory and degenerative obliterative types the results of treatment have been discouraging. Sympathectomy has failed to yield the results hoped for, but in many instances renders the patient more comfortable and probably delays the onset of skin ulceration and gangrene. The results claimed for alternate suction and pressure appear promising, but the author states that he has had no experience with this type of treatment.

HERBERT F THURSTON, M D

Landis, E. M., and Hitzrot, L. H.. The Clinical Value of Alternate Suction and Pressure in the Treatment of Advanced Peripheral Vascular Disease. Am. J. M. Sc., 1935, 189, 305

From the standpoint of treatment, cases of peripheral vascular disease may be divided into two groups: (1) those in which the symptoms are due to simple spasm with slight or no organic vascular obstruction, and (2) those in which the symptoms are due primarily to advanced organic disease of the arteries The symptoms in the first group can usually be alleviated by producing vasodilatation with drugs, diathermy, contrast baths, heat applied locally with the warm cradle, or sympathetic ganglionectomy In cases of the second group the walls of the arteries become thickened and are more or less rigid The lumina are not only smaller, but unable to dilate even when the vasoconstrictor tone is abol-Eventually most patients with advanced organic disease of the arteries suffer from trophic changes, ulceration, and gangrene which ultimately necessitate amputation. Often they present a difficult therapeutic problem to both the clinician and the surgeon

The authors report detailed studies of twentynine cases of advanced peripheral vascular disease of the extremities. The patients had shown little progress under the usual conservative treatment, including local warm applications, the warm cradle, antisepties, vasodilator drugs, and nerve section. In the series of treatments reported the extremities were exposed to alternate suction (-80 to -120 mm Hg) and pressure (+40 to +80 mm Hg) for twenty-five and five seconds respectively. The pressure variations were used in periods of from one to two hours, at first once or twice daily, then three times weekly, and finally, when the symptoms diminished, once weekly

In summarizing their results the authors state that evanosis usually diminished, but symptomatic improvement was sometimes observed without a significant change in the color of the skin. The rest pain of ischemia was usually abolished during the use of the suction and pressure and gradually became less severe in the intervals between the evposures to pressure variations. Lasting relief of the pain was not obtained in the presence of deeply extending gangrene or large sloughs Ulcers usually began to heal soon after the suction and pressure therapy was instituted Intermittent claudication became, in general, milder, and exercise tolerance was slightly, but definitely increased. In the cases of patients with osteomyclitis, deeply extending gangrene, or large sloughs, the suction and pressure therapy was of no definite lasting benefit

The authors are of the opinion that this form of therapy must be applied with caution and with at first small pressure changes Before its use, the presence of acute spreading infection and encapsulated

pus must be definitely ruled out.

In conclusion they state that suction and pressure therapy, carefully applied, appears to be worthy of a clinical trial in the treatment of peripheral vascular disease even when organic obstruction has advanced to the point where the arterial blood flow can no longer be increased by vasodilatation. The method may prove beneficial by increasing the local blood flow temporarily during attacks of pain or ulceration so that time is gained for the development of an adequate collateral blood flow.

HERBERT F THURSTON, M D

Allen, E V, and Camp, J. D.: Arteriography. A Roentgenographic Study of the Peripheral Arteries of the Living Subject Following Their Injection with a Radiopaque Substance J Am M Ass., 1935, 104 618

In the last eighteen months Allen and Camp have performed arteriography in 100 instances Some of the arteries were normal although arterial disease was suspected Cases of thrombo-angistis obliterans, arteriosclerosis, arteriovenous fistula, popliteal aneurism, arthritis, scleroderma, Raynaud's disease, and hypertension were studied. The authors conclude from their experience in these cases that roentgenographic visualization of arteries in the living human subject will prove of great value since it is the only direct method of acquiring information regarding the function of specific arteries They believe that the time is not far distant when it will be possible to visualize roentgenographically most of the arteries of the living human subject. It is well known that accuracy in the diagnosis of diseases and an understanding of the physiology of the digestive, urinary, and biliary tracts received great impetus with the advent of methods for accurate roentgenographic visualization of these tracts While the authors doubt that artemography will prove as valuable, they believe it opens a field for study which doubted will lead to a marked uncrease in our knowledge of the pathological and physiological processes are tenes and in the its use which the artenes supply with blood. They do not regard to great dispute value in cases of thrombo anguits obliteans aneu issue and an extension of the control physiological and pathological studies have proved every satisfactory in these conditions.

The chief value of arteriography lies not in diag no is but in studies of pathogenesis. The procedure gives information regarding the minutes of arterial disease which can be secured in no other way It is to be expected that the absence or presence of organic arterial change in Rayraud a disease and the part played by disturbances of arterial circulation in scleroderma can be determined thereby. In thrombo angutis obbterans the part played by collateral acteries and other adjustments to impaired eseculation are portrajed in a manner which leaves little to be desired fhe made of progression of the he ease and the compensation for it are clearly out lined The authors believe that these observations hold true also for thrombo artemosclerosis obliterans although their experience with arteriography in this condition has been hmited. In addition, arteriog. raphy parmits accurate determination of the situa tion extent and nature of aneurisms arteriovenous fistulat and attenul embols. Whether or not at will add information of value with regard to the pathogenesis of arthritis hypertension and other conditions command to be detectioned

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Flesstager N Ravina A and Messlaw R Remarks on the Arteritis of Subacute Malignant Endocarditis (Queiques remarques sur les artenies ectassantes de l'endocardite mais,ne leute) Prisse mid Par 1933 43 331

The authors report the case of a man with strephorocal endocardia who developed a myothe after imm of the right talas aratery. When the pattern has admitted to the hospital in May 1933, he gave a history of heart disease and articular paras of itserf) years distration. A disposors of rheomatic heart disease was made and the control of the matter has been as the grant of the control of the usual short non hemolytic strephococcus instead of the usual short non-hemolytic strephococcus instead of the usua

and a roentgenogram was made. The radial artery, but not the ulnar nor the interesseous artery, was visualized When the pulsating mass was explored, serous fluid first emerged, then black blood clots, and finally arterial blood. The wall of the cavity consisted of a friable, greenish membrane, fragments of which were easily detached The cavity was thought to be an infectious aneurism of the ulnar or interosseous artery Packing was necessary to control the bleeding, ligation being unsuccessful The wound healed uneventfully. Histological examination of the fragments of the wall disclosed an inner lining of fibrin and leucocytes in various stages of degeneration, a middle layer of fibrous lamellæ without elastic tissue, and an outer muscular layer infiltrated with leucocytes.

In spite of numerous therapeutic measures, which included vaccinotherapy, serotherapy, immunotransfusion, and intravenous injections, the patient's condition became progressively worse. On August 27 a right hemiplegia developed, and three weeks later the patient died in coma. Permission for

autopsy was not obtained

In the discussion, two theories of the formation of mycotic aneurism are cited. According to one, an infected embolus lodges in a vessel and the wall of the vessel then becomes invaded by the organisms. According to the other, the septicemia results in the formation of a localized arterial lesion analogous to the lesion of the valves of the heart, which is followed by secondary thrombosis with rupture of the wall of the vessel

In conclusion the authors discuss the difficulty in the differential diagnosis between rheumatic heart disease and bacterial endocarditis and the unusual organism isolated in the case reported

MAX M ZINNINGER, M D

Schwarz, E: Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremity, with Special Consideration of Their Development and Treatment (Die Krampfadern der unteren Extremitaet mit besonderer Beruecksichtigung ihrer Entstehung und Behandlung). Ergebn d Chir, 1934, 27 256

The author discusses the normal and pathological anatomy of the veins of the extremities with special reference to varicose veins. He says that the internal venous pressure depends on the hydrostatic and hydraulic pressure, the state of the contraction tonus, and the elasticity of the vessel walls The veins are supplied by sympathetic nerve fibers which send very fine branches into the muscularis of the media, but are present also even in vessels without muscle Insufficiency of the vein walls produced by stretching may be the cause as well as the result of degeneration or atrophy of the wall musculature The phlebosclerosis of the intima and media, rupture of the elastica, and inflammatory changes are probably only further consequences of the muscle insufficiency The development of varicose veins is the sequela of processes resulting from congenital or acquired defects and toxic injuries of the sympathetic nervous system with an injurious influence on the muscularis of the vein wall supplemented by a mechanical factor. Inflammation is of less significance in the etiology of varices, but in the disturbances which follow it plays a not unimportant rôle. All of the skin changes appearing after the development of varicose veins belong to the congestion dermatoses caused by extension of the process into the small venules of the saphenous veins. Trauma acts only to aggravate a disease already established

Most of the operative and conservative methods used today in the treatment of varicose veins were conceived and used, although with variable success, in previous centuries Their full value did not become apparent until after the introduction of asepsis Of the conservative methods, the most important is the use of compression bandages Trendelenburg operation, like all other ligation methods, may be followed by re-canalization of the veins Of 294 operations performed at the Rostock Clinic by the Trendelenburg, Babcock, Madelung, and Klapp methods, 238 were followed by satisfactory results, 50 by unsatisfactory results, 89 by non-fatal complications, and 6 by death. If manifestations of a proximal extension of the thrombosis in the saphenous vein appear, the vein must be ligated higher up as quickly as possible or the thrombus quickly removed. In several cases in which this was no longer possible, Schwarz ligated the femoral and even the external iliac vein because of the danger of emboli or sepsis As a result, the slight attacks of embolism and chills, of which there had been several, no longer occurred

In injection experiments carried out by the author and Ratschow on the veins of the ears of rabbits, thrombosis was produced almost constantly with 60 per cent calorose solution This was due to damage to the intima. As the thrombi adhered firmly to the vein wall, they were quite different from the coagulation thrombi formed in the course of certain diseases, which are only slightly adherent to the vessel wall According to other investigators, the risk of emboli after sclerosing injections in clinical cases lies only in the development, in the aseptic venitis, of an infection or the formation of a secondary coagulating thrombus proximal to the injection thrombus The chief advantages of the injection treatment as compared with operative treatment are the possibility of ambulatory treatment, usually without any interference with the patient's ability to work, the considerably lower mortality (from o o2 to 3 per cent), the higher incidence of permanent results (from 70 to 100 per cent as compared with from 50 to 60 per cent), and the fact that patients who develop a recurrence are much more easily prevailed upon to submit to another coagulation treatment than to another operation with its discomforts and prolonged disability

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#### BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Skudina C and Barenboim 5 The Clinical Transfusion of Postmortern Blood (Transfusion von Leichenblut an Menschen) 1 erhandt d "A hong of Chir of U & SSR Mo cow 1914 p 136

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JUDI (Moscow) reviewed 100 cases of transfusion of vital blood and 70 cases of tran fusion of post mortem blood. In cases of shock good results were obtained with postmortem blood but required larger amounts of such blood than vital blood.

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cose As sodium chloride solutions are toxic, antagonists such as potassium chloride and calcium chloride should be added to them The combination of sodium citrate with calcium salts causes a disturbance of the physicochemical characteristics of the preserved blood and is therefore not a suitable

preservative

HERZEN (Moscow) stated that the erythrocytes of the donor must disappear in the blood of the recipient within from two to three weeks after the transfusion. Therefore a favorable effect of transfusion must depend upon stimulation of hematopoiesis and in cases of pathological hematopoiesis good results cannot be expected. In hemolytic icterus, thrombopenia, and malignant anemia, blood transfusion is not indicated. In the 2 former conditions it may be injurious. In malignant anemia its effects do not last long enough whereas liver therapy gives good results.

VISNEVSKIJ (Kazan) suggested blocking of the pararenal tissue by local anesthesia in cases of

hemolysis

GOLOVKINA (N Novgorod) reported on 212 blood transfusions Good results were obtained in sup-

purative conditions

BLUMENTHAL (Moscow) reported a case of severe tetanus in which blood transfusion was beneficial (Eugen Banner-Voigt) Clarence C Reed, M D

## LYMPH GLANDS AND LYMPHATIC VESSELS

Lightwood, R, Hawksley, J. C., and Bailey, U M.: Supravital Staining in the Diagnosis of the Leukemias. *Proc Roy Soc Med.*, Lond, 1935, 28 405.

The authors report briefly seven cases of leukemia occurring in children. In four, the condition was lymphatic, in one, monocytic, and in two, myelogenous. In all, the leucocytes were studied by supravital staining. The pathological leucocytes

are shown by illustrations in color

The technique of supravital staining is presented Information can be obtained from the motility of the cells, the vacuolar apparatus stained with neutral red, and mitochondria stained with Janus green The method is of most value in distinguishing lymphocytes from monocytes In one of the authors' cases it led to the correct diagnosis of mono-It is of assistance also in distincytic leukemia guishing myeloblastic from acute lymphatic leu-In the authors' four cases of lymphatic kemia leukemia it showed the predominant cells to be lymphocytes and lymphoblasts The authors conclude that the supravital method is of clinical value and especially helpful in the diagnosis of rare and anomalous blood diseases HOWARD L AIT, M D

Rosenthal, N., and Harris, W.: Leukemia. Its Diagnosis and Treatment J Am M Ass, 1935, 194 792

The important characteristic alteration in leukemia is the presence of a persistent relative or

absolute increase in the number of mature or premature white blood cells. The type of premature cell usually varies with the duration of the disease. Acute leukemia is characterized by the presence of the more premature types of cells, particularly the myeloblasts, lymphoblasts, and monoblasts. Chronic varieties have a tendency to show more mature types such as polymorphonuclear neutrophiles and myelocytes in the myeloid leukemias and lymphocytes in the lymphoid leukemias.

In acute leukemias the hemoglobin and the number of red blood cells are usually reduced. In chronic leukemias anemia may be absent. The blood platelets present marked variations, being usually greatly reduced in the acute types and in exacerba-

tions of the chronic types

Weakness and fatigue are common and persistent Abdominal distress due to enlarged viscera or lymph nodes is usual. Pain and ulceration in the upper part of the respiratory tract may occur Purpuric manifestations or uncontrollable bleeding such as bleeding of the gums or persistent hemorrhages following a surgical procedure may be the

first evidence of a leukemic state

Leukemia must be differentiated from pernicious anemia, purpura hemorrhagica, agranulocytosis, subacute endocarditis, splenic anemia, and various other conditions. Its diagnosis should be based on the characteristic blood changes. These depend not so much on the number of white blood cells as on the presence and persistence of specific types of cells such as myelocytes, myeloblasts, and a relative and absolute lymphocytosis. A confirmatory diagnosis of the more obscure varieties of leukemia may be made by biopsy on the sternal bone marrow or a lymph node.

Because of the limitation of our knowledge concerning the etiology of leukemia, no specific remedy is known and treatment is therefore essentially symptomatic The aims of treatment should be to improve the general condition, to render the patient comfortable by rest, regulation of the diet, and the administration of sedatives, and to increase his strength and efficiency by blood transfusions and roentgenotherapy The cases in which treatment is most successful are those of chronic myelogenous and lymphatic leukemia of the leucocythemic variety In these, the aim should be to reduce the number of white blood cells and increase the hemoglobin and red blood cells Reduction of the number of white blood cells may be accomplished by chemical, biological, or physical methods The performance of splenectomy in leukemia should be discouraged since, as leukemia is a disease of the entire hematopoletic system, it is unreasonable to expect any constant alteration in the general condition from the removal of only one of the organs affected

According to the authors' experience, irradiation therapy is of value in both acute and chronic leukemia, and there is justification for the belief that in some of the acute forms of the disease life may be prolonged perhaps for a year by blood

transfusion Arsenic transfusions and particularly roentgen irradiatis in a are the chief means of inducing symptomatic improvement and remissions, and possibly prolonging life FLIA M Satisfus as

Cutier M 1 ymphosarcoma A Clinical Patho logical and Radiotherapeutic Study, with a Report of Thirty Cases And Surg 1935 30

Histologically lymphosarcomas are generally divided into the following two group

1 Recticulum cell surcomas or large round-cell lymphosarcomas arising from the reticulum 2 Mahanant lymphocytomas arising from the

lymphocytes

Cinnically, the following varieties are recognised 1 Lymphosarcoma with generalized adenopathy

and no special localization
2 Lymphosarcoma associated with localization
in the tonsil the pharyng or the base of the tongue

in the tonsil the pharynt or the base of the tongue
3 Lymphosorroma associated with pronounced
involvement of the retroperitoreal lymph nodes
4 Lymphosoroma with localization in the rec

tum

5 Lymphadenoma-lymphoma
6 Lymphosareoma probably arising in the
thymus and other thymic tumors of uncertain his

togeneus

The two major climical types are

2. A generalized form with widespread involve

ment of the 1s mph nodes
A localized form in which the disease involves
a local zed area of 1s mphord tissue

The localized form is rare. Of thirty cases reported by the author steaty five were of the generalized firm. The generalized form woulds attacktion to the superiod and deep lymph modes throughout the body. The med a tital nodes are often extensively invaded. In view of the high modence of involvement of the mediastical retroperational and mesentere regions as demonstrated by authorsy the regions must be regarded as potentially involved and tracted recordingly. When the mediastinum is extensively involved the chiral and recent genological findings suggest tumors of thymic origin. The histogeness of the thymic parenchyma being undetermined such tumors are difficult to thosely. From the standpoint of radio sensitivity, however, they form two distinct groups — one highly radio ensitive and the other markedly.

radioresistant
Of the two cases of the localized form of the disease reported by the author the di ease originated in the nasopharypx in two in the rectum in two and in the

cervical remon in one

The principles of treatment differ for the generalized and loading forms in the former wide areas are exposed to traditation and all lymph nodes in gracial set treated regardless of the distribution of the discasse which newders of meatily forcing of the necessary of exposing extensive areas of the body to the straditation the does for each area restricted small. The exploits work which the exposures are made is determined by the patients general conditions.

In the localized form of lymphosarcoma it is safe to deliver a much larger does of irradiation. All thought it soot necessary to give the large does used in the treatment of carcinoma, the does about much larger than that which can be safely administered in cases of the generalized form of the dis-

ease

When only a single focus can be detected the differentiation of the localized form from the genealized form of it implosarroms is difful. There is no method by which it can be predicted whether the appearance of a localized focus of the dusaes will or will not be followed by the appearance of the di-esses in other tracons.

In the generalized form roentgen therapy may at re t the disease for varying periods, sometimes for years. In the localized form endication of the che case is rosuble. Sometimes after its eradication the condition appears of ewhere in the body but or expossibly as apparent cure is obtained.

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# SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

# OPERATIVE SURGERY AND TECHNIQUE, POSTOPERATIVE TREATMENT

Cazzamali, P.: Studies of the Postoperative Variations in the Body Fluids II. Changes in the Blood Chlorides and Their Relation to Postoperative Changes in the Body Fluids (Studies variazioni umorali post-operatorie II Le modificazioni cloremiche e loro interferenze sui fenomeni umorali post-operatorii) Archi ilal di chir, 1934, 38, 687

The author reports extensive chemical studies made in the cases of forty-eight patients ranging in age from twenty-one to sixty-two years who were subjected to such operative interventions as cholecystectomy, operations for renal calculi, ovarian cysts, cerebral tumors, and hemorrhoids, appendectomy, osteotomy, gastro-enterotomy, gastric resection, evploratory laparotomy, thyroidectomy, nephrectomy, and the Bassini operation for inguinal herma. Ether, spinal, and ethylene anesthesia were used in some of the cases but chiefly local anesthesia was employed

The chemical determinations included. (1) the chloride content of the blood cells and of the plasma and the ratio of the former to the latter, (2) the nitrogen content of the blood, (3) the alkali reserve, (4) the ketones of the blood the hydrogen-ion concentration, and (5) the quantity, specific gravity, and chloride and urea content of the urine

From his findings the author draws the following

conclusions

r Operation causes a fall in the blood chlorides The decrease is most marked after the first twentyfour hours

2 The decrease tends to lower the ratio of cell

chloride to plasma chloride

3. The disturbance in the equilibrium is usually, but not always, proportional to the gravity of the operation, but is independent of the nature of the lesion and the type of the operation

4 In the phase of increase, the increase begins particularly in the chloride of the cells and tends to increase the ratio of cell chloride to plasma chloride

- 5 Postoperative variations in the concentration of the nitrogen of the blood seem to be in direct proportion to the variation of the chlorides in the blood In 75 per cent of the cases studied this relationship was definite
- 6 The variations in the chlorides of the blood studied parallel with the variations in the alkali reserve, the ketones of the blood, and the variations in the hydrogen-ion concentration seem to predispose to a state of acidosis in the early part of the postoperative course and to a state of alkalosis later
- 7 Comparison of the postoperative changes occurring in the body fluids (variations in the chlo-

ride and nitrogen content of the blood, alkali reserve, etc) with those occurring in the urine permits the conclusion that postoperative hyperazotemia is due to an extrarenal mechanism. CLARA RAVEN

Turnbull, H. H: Postoperative Pulmonary Complications Australian & New Zealand J. Surg., 1935, 4 245.

The author divides postoperative pulmonary complications into two groups—embolism and atelectasis Embolism may result in infarction. Atelectasis may cause simple collapse of the lung, pneumo-

nia, or lung abscess

The first sign of severe pulmonary embolism is a desire to defecate. The blood clot causing this condition comes, not from the site of operation, but from a large vein. In forty-three of fifty cases of fatal postoperative pulmonary embolism the condition followed an abdominal operation. If the clot is small and passes the main branches of the pulmonary artery, pulmonary infarction results. The latter is manifested clinically by a sudden severe cutting pain in the chest, difficulty in breathing, cyanosis, and shock accompanied by cough and a rapid pulse rate. The temperature later rises and examination reveals dullness and weak breath sounds over the affected area, with a pleural rub and later tubular breathing. The patient coughs up blood-stained mucus

Emboli usually separate about the tenth day, but sometimes later. Embolism is much more frequent

after the age of fifty years

The treatment of pulmonary embolism is reassurance and the administration of morphine. It is well to tell the patient that he will cough up bloodstained mucus and that it is unimportant. Infarcts do not cause abscess formation except in the presence of pyemia

The development of postoperative atelectasis is favored by chronic bronchitis, mild influenza, chilling, and any other factor causing increased bronchial

secretion

If the bronchial secretion is increased and especially if it is viscid, it may collect in the main bronchus on the side toward which the patient lies. If there is interference with coughing and deep breathing, the bronchus may become occluded and atelectasis follows. The occurrence of atelectasis is manifested by sudden dyspnea, slight cyanosis, a rapid pulse, shock, and pain in the side. On examination, the involved side is found immobile and the breath sounds weak or absent. The percussion note is dull and the heart is displaced toward the involved side.

The author believes that atelectasis may often be prevented by delaying operation until the patient is free from acute infection of the upper respiratory

tract Prevertion of chilling is important During the postoperative period deep breathing should be induced. This is important in cases of abdominal operation as frequently pain at the site of operation prevents deep re piration. Frequent changing of the position of the patient is a valuable adjunct in the prevention of atelectuses

The best treatment of atelectasis is bronchoscope In some cases however, simply turning the patient onto the unaffected side to soc ease the movement of the involved lung i sufficient. Carbon dioxide in haistion is valuable. The carbon dioxide may be

erven at intervals

The author does not believe that postoperative pulmonary complications are due to the anesthetic In support of this opinion he cites reports in the literature showing that they occur more often fol low ng spinal ancethesia than after inbalation anesthe ia

He attributes pustoperative pulmenary ab cesses. to the aspiration of injected material which blocks a bronchus producing atelectasis and infects the collap ed lung causing it to break down

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4 250 The author discusses postoperative pulmonary complications from the standpoint of the anesthetist He describes three simple methods by which patients may be graded according to operative mak-the treath holding test, determination of the persure ratio (Moot s rule) and determination of the energy index. The breath holding test consists in having the patient hold his breath after sitting quietly for nve minute, and then take a full breath and hold it The normal period for which the breath can be held ranges from thirty to forty seconds. If the patient is able to hold his breath for only ten secon is or less he is unfit for a general anesthetic it he is able to hold it for only from ten to eighteen seconds he is a noor risk if he is able to hold it for only from eighteen to thirty seconds he is a fair risk but if he is able to hold it for from thirty to forty seconds he is probably a good risk

In the choice of anesthetic several factors must be considered. Gas anesthetics are preferable in the presence of lung disease and when the patient is unable to hold his breath longer than a period less than thirty seconds. Ether is the anesthetic most undely used in Austral a. Whatever anesthe ic is employed it's administration should be discontinued before the end of the operation in order that the cough reflex may be pre ent before the patient leaves the operat ing room

After the operation the patient should be protected from chilling and his position should be changed frequently. If there are signs of collarse of the bases of the lungs a mixture of carbon dioxide and oxygen should be administered

FARL O LATTREE M D

Livraga P Ossification in Postonerative Scars (Le nouficazioni in cicatriri postoperatirie) linh ilu di chir , 1934 30 20

Four cases of new formation of hone in operative scars are reported The bone had all the histological characteristics of normal bane differing from the calcifications sometimes seen after trauma. U hile the latter often undergo spontaneous retrogression bone structures of the type found in these cases are progressive though they do not recur after operative removal They generally appear in the upper part of the bues alba, but in one of the author's cases they were formed in the scar of a Lidney operation and were attached to the rrest of the left thum In the first three cases the calcium and notassium and their ratio to each other were normal. In the inst case their quantity was slightly increased

The author concludes that in three of his cases the new hone was due to local new hone formation from specific autochthonous o teogenetic cells in the bnea alba In the fourth case there was some evi dence that it was produced by detachment of AUDREY COSS MORCAN MID periosteum

#### ANTISEPTIC SURGERY, TREATMENT OF WOUNDS AND INFECTIONS

Maraszynski M The Lognosis of Crushing in juries of the Extremities (Veber die Prognu e der Lermalmungslaessonen der Fatrem aeten) 1934 Basel Dissertation

The author distinguishes between open and closed crushing lesions but states that the chief factor is the crushapy of masses of muscle. Ha calls attention to the traumatic vascular spasm described by Auetiner and Baruch which may suggest tearing of complete occlusion of the main aftery because of the resulting ce ation of pulsation loss of function and loss of sensation. This spasm is accompanied by circular constrictions from a to so cm in length without organic injury of the vessel wall Auestner clasms that the space is of myogenic origin for if it were of neurogenic or gir it would extend diffusely over larger areas The prognous is favorable Massage of the involved segments of the vessel the injection of salt solution dry hea douches and injections of atropia are recommended

The author next discusses various viewpoints regarding the treatment of crushing injuries

Lecene and Leriche reported 23 amputat ors per formed in cases of shork from crushing injuries all of which were followed by recovers distension st ported on 502 cases of railroad accidents in which there were 197 complicated fractures and 33 per cent of the patients died Amputation should be de fayed until the shock is over Sometimes the shock may last twenty four hours Estes says that opers tion should not be done when the blood pressure has dropped below 80 mm. He amputates in cases of curcular crushing injuries cases with crushed bones and soft parts even those in which the skin is un broken and cases with shattering of a bone over an extent of more than 6 cm and crushing of the sur-

rounding soft parts

According to Imbert, street wounds are more serious than war wounds because, in the former, bacteria are introduced into the wound with greater force. Koch recommends primary suture of the wounds of the soft parts, and reports the following results primary healing in 48 per cent of cases, mild disturbances in 22 per cent, severe wound disturbances in 21 per cent, complications necessitating secondary amputation in 48 per cent, and death in 4 per cent. In large shattering fractures and infection with anaerobes, suturing is contra-indicated

There are various theories regarding shock Henschen considers "shock" an inclusive term and distinguishes between the chemical shock, non-hemorrhagic postoperative shock, and reflex shock He calls attention to the poisonous character of the early products of disintegration which in the chemical type of shock cause a marked fall in the blood pressure with dilatation of the peripheral blood vessels. He states that chemical shock and reflex shock

are frequently associated

At the Basel Clinic blood transfusions and block anesthesia of the main nerves to the limb (Crile) are supplemented with perivascular injections of large doses of atropin and novocain in the region of Hunter's canal to prevent post-traumatic anemic spasm of the large vessels of the extremity During the first few days liberal doses of narcotics are given treatment is as conservative as possible Débridement is done with a cutting diathermy loop, the limb is immobilized with a plaster dressing if possible, and the crushed soft parts are relieved of pressure by means of a suspension wire through the first meta-Tetanus and gas-bacıllus serum are administered, staphylococcus-phage is injected, and a cod-liver oil and vaseline pack is placed in the wound Fifty-six cases of crushing injuries treated in the last ten years are presented in a table. There were 8 deaths in the first few days. Three of the deaths were due to hemorrhage In all of these cases the lower extremity was injured In 6, there was a fracture of the femur In 6 cases fat emboli were demonstrated at autopsy The prognosis was most unfavorable in cases of injury of the lower extremities in automobile and motorcycle accidents. In 5 cases, blood transfusions of from 500 to 750 c cm were followed by good results In 25 cases, amputations and disarticulations were done, 4 of them on the fingers and toes Gas phlegmon occurred in I case, but the patient recovered

(FRANZ) PHILIP SHAPIRO, M D

Abel, J. J., Evans, E. A., Jr., Hampil, B., and Lee, F. C: Researches on Tetanus II. The Toxin of the Bacillus Tetani Is Not Transported to the Central Nervous System by Any Component of the Peripheral Nerve Trunks. Bull Johns Hopkins Hosp., Balt., 1935, 56 84

Bacillus tetam is known to the specialist as "clostridium tetami". It is of the family of the

bacillacem of the general class of plant organisms known as "schizomycetes" The chemical nature of the toxin is not known

The authors discuss local tetanus, modern ideas on the distribution of tetanus toxin, earlier experiments in favor of the theory of the carriage of toxin in the peripheral nerves to the cells of the central nervous system, investigations in support of the nerve transport theory since 1884 and the proposed modifications of it, and implications of the theory and disproof of an earlier attempt to show that water-soluble substances can be distributed throughout the body by the "tissue-space mechanism". The authors summarize their article as follows

"We have presented many considerations and many facts in support of our belief that tetanus toxin and dyestuffs injected in an aqueous medium either intraneurally, subcutaneously, intramuscularly, or intravenously are not carried in the axis cylinders, the lymphatic vessels, or the tissue spaces of peripheral motor nerves to the reacting cells of the central nervous system. We have also cited the recent investigations of anatomists who have traced the outflow of lymph from nerve trunks and have shown that it, like the lymph of other structures of the body, is added finally to the venous blood and

"We furthermore called attention to a series of investigations that were carried out by Abel and Abel and Turner in the years 1910 to 1914, in which it was conclusively shown that alkaloids and dye stuffs cannot be distributed throughout the body by any peripheral mechanism such as the 'tissue spaces'

not to the cerebrospinal fluid

"An account will be given in later papers of experiments that have been in progress in our laboratories for more than two years on the pathogeny of local tetanus, on the influence of complete denervation of muscles on the course of the poisoning, and on the reflex phenomena and other aspects of both experimental and natural tetanus. We find ourselves quite as unable to accept the current theories in regard to many of these characteristics as we are to accept the nerve-transport theory for the very good reason that this untenable theory is here also made to serve as the basis for their explanation."

CARL R STEINKE, M D

Verlende, J. Experimental Studies on the Specific Immunizing Power of the Staphylococcic Bouillon-Antivirus (Recherches experimentales sur le pouvoir immunisant spécifique du bouillonantivirus staphylococcique) Rev belge d. sc. med, 1934, 6 817

According to Besredka, the bouillon filtrate of a culture upon which certain bacteria such as staphylococci, streptococci, typhoid bacilli, or colon bacilli have been developed exerts an inhibiting influence on the multiplication of such organisms. This property is specific and may be used to advantage in the production of local immunity. The filtrate is given the name "antivirus" A similar product may be obtained by centrifugalization.

These two fluids are devoid of proteins and retain their specific properties even when boiled. They are capable of increasing the natural resistance of certain cell groups Therefore they act, not like anti bodies on the infecting agent, but on the tissues and not on the body as a whole but only on the region invaded by the bacteria. These findings have been confirmed by several investigators but others question the existence of both the antivirus and its specific properties

Verlande reports a study of the effect of a standy lococcic antivirus on phagocitesis and of ordinary bouillon and the specife bactenophage. The experiments were made on normal guirea pigs weigh ing 250 gm. One cubic centimeter of antivirus bac terrophage, simple bouillon or bouillon filtrate was injected into the peritoneum. One day after the in section the animals were infected by the injection of a c cm of a fresh emul ton of living stanhylococca The concentration of the emulsions was always the same namely, about 5 120 000 000 bacteria per

cubic centimeter

In the control animals the dose administe ed always produced a characteristic senticemia which terminated fatally in from five to eight days. From the nfth minute after the infection specimens of perstoneal fluid were at hist withdrawn at regular intervals up to twenty four fifty four or seventy three hours Later the examinations were limited to seven hours as it was found that reliable results could be obtained in this interval

The experiments included infection of normal guines pigs of guines pigs prepared with antivirus bacteriorhage ordinary bouillon bouillon filtered twice and bouillon filtered ten times and injections of ordinary bouillon or bacteriophage into normal grinea p gr. The results are presented in a The author's findings and conclusions are

summarized as follows

- Ordinary bouillon of currently used cultures, and especially its filtrate on Chamberland F bourses will produce immunity to spiection by virulent staph slococci within one day after its mjection. Such immunity may be obtained after a single peritonesi injection but results more constantly after two injections of a c.cm separated by an interval of twenty four hours
- 2 An antivirus prepared from the same strain of staphylococci had an even g eater proterine action than simple bouillon or its filtrates since in the guinea pigs prepared with antivirus the arrival of the macro phages was detailed so that there was more time for phagocytosis of the bacteria by the polynqulears
- As even greater 1 rotective effect was obtained with the bacteriophage. In the guinea pigs receiving bacteriophage the arrival of the mononuclears was accelerated but his not cause a precocious destruction of polynuclears. Moreover the latter seemed to show an increased avidity for the batteria which the mononuclears aim beined to destroy
- . It therefore appears that aside from the protective property characteristic of ordinary bouillon

and its filtrates the antivirus possesses a certain specific immunizing property Experimental proof of the immunizing power of the antivirus can be ob tained only if the control products do not show a s milar power under similar experimental conditions EDITH SCHANCER MOORE

Mitchell J H Streptococcic Infection Simulating Ringworm of the Hands and Feet J im M ter rate tou tato

Matchell reports five cases of hemolytic strento coccae infection (impetigo) of the hands or feet The lesions simulated those of mycotic infection sufficiently to have led to errors in diagnosis. Be cause of the marked tendency to regard all acrodermatoses as ringworm of the extremities the au thor emphasizes the importance of making a careful laboratory examination in all cases of dermatoses of the hands and feet. He is of the opinion that the streptococcic origin of impetigo can be proved with ease

In the cases reported the infection yielled within one week to baths of corrosive mercuric chloride and the application of weak ammoniated mercury WALTER H NADLER WD ocatment

#### ANRSTHESIA

Vehrs G R Problems in the Hydrodynamics of Analgesics in the Subarachnold Fluid of Van Diarotized Novocala in Artificial Dural Saca Hest J Surg Obst & Gynec 1935 43 16

Inllowing a review of the anatomy of the spinal cord and srupal menances and a description of the dural curves the author discus es the infuction of spiral anesthesia including in his di cussion the important chemicals used the miring of one solution in another methods of injection experiments with heavy procain solutions in artificial dural sizes con forming to the shape of the three types of normal dural curvatures in man split dosage change of posture from the lateral horizontal to the supine the reverse Trendelenburg post ton spinal dynamics arterial pulsations of the brain and cord and the use of pantocam and nupercam. He deans the following conclusions

An elucidation of the alterable factors in spinal anesthesia deserves most careful attention in the interests of the chmunation of shock and reduction of

morbidity and mortality

2 A clearer elucidation of the unalterable lans which govern analgesics in the spinal subarachnoid will anevitably and speedily bring about a more uni versal adoption of the method

3 When chemical concerns distribute spinal analgeous with proved and measured chemical actions and reactions subarachnoid nerve block may

ain aider resignition 4 Chemical which produce subarachnoid anal gesta for thirty minutes should be used for brief diagnostic and operative procedures which require

serv little or no relaxation

### PHYSICOCHEMICAL METHODS IN SURGERY

#### ROENTGENOLOGY

kirklin B R Some Problems in Diagnosis and Their Solution by Radiological Examination of the Alimentary Canal I see Roy See Med Lind 1835 28 249

The basis of selecting patients for coentgenological examination should be sufficiently broad to include all those who e symptoms are at all indicative of chrons, organic disease of the alimentary tube unless such disease can be excluded with considerable eer taints or the condition of the patient forbids the examination. While this basis cannot be prescribed in exact terms and will be formulated differently be different physicians in accordance with their par ticular experience there are certain chrical manifestati me which even when not pronounced or not associated with their common accompaniments should be regarded as definite indications for thor ough investigation with the \ ray unless their cause is obvious or can be determined readily by other means

Hemortha, e from the alimentary canal whether in the form of gros himstenes is blood staned comitter frank bleeding from the bowle of stary atools as an urgent indication for roentgeological investigation. I epite ulicer as no often the cause of such hemorthage that only thus I ton may be considered by the climicians. Kirkhin has known instances in which the roentgeological proposition of the control of the

I ptential causes of anemia are so numerous that this condition i one of the most perplexing signs with which the clinician has to deal and when it is not accompanied by other manifestations the dis covers of its origin often entails laborrous resestiga tion. Anemy of moderate degree seems less preent in its demand for inquiry and is likely to be ascribed to a detictent diet or unhagemic conditions although it may have much graver causes. Marked anemia will sumulate a vigorous search for its cause but it is difficult to determine the most promising order of approach or to keep in mind the uncommon lesions that may underlie the condition. Among the latter are the primaril benign polypoid new growths in the stomach or bowel As a rule these growths be come superficially eroded and a slight but constant seenage of blood ensues with resulting anemia. In every case of unexplained or seemingly idiopathic anemia a risentgenological study of the gastrointestinal tract should be made

Marked loss of weight without other subjective or objective manifestations of ill health is sometimes recorded lightly by the patient especially if he is of moddle age and has been heaver than he wished in be or request to grow thin with advancing age Fee physicians will underestimate the potential gravity of this sign but in the abone of gisatric or retestinal is important may seem foliogical to give first or service, among the many possible causes. Nevertheless the among the many possible causes. Nevertheless the chief of such cancers is in idious and is so often beralded solely by loss of weight that a rootinglogical crimination should be among the first tests applied. Both surgeons and chinicians have retered the surgeon of the surgeon of the surgeon of the test of the surgeon of the surgeon of the surgeon of the test of the surgeon of the surgeon of the surgeon of the test of the surgeon of the surgeon of the surgeon of the test of the surgeon of the surgeon of the surgeon of the surgeon of the test of the surgeon of the surgeon of the surgeon of the surgeon of the test of the surgeon of the surge

Recurrent vorthing without an obvious cause such as such healther is such an emphatic influent for roomteenological study that it will seldom be incred. The Very may adopte a gestine cannot provide the Very may adopte a gestine cannot polynogram a duodenal ulicer or an obstructive leaves at the gestine outlet. If the atomach and duodenam are found normal cholrey-stography may rest disease of the gill bladder. Nausea especially when slight as not a unprressue as improve yet may be the relie madication of strong a disease of the Mon

Epigastre, or upper al lominal pain or decomfort which is precipitated agravated or relieved by the taking of food is no strongly suggestive of garier clusters. The control of the contro

Most striking among the roentgenolog cal sizes of dividents is the evitaordinary strikishity the bolb. A suspension of barium cares through the bulb so rapidly that there is bittle apportunit to inspet the shadow. The bulb is small and grossly deformed in bulb burders and the configuration of the deformer changes quickly from moment to moment. The mucoral gattern is consequent and interesting treasures and the configuration of the deormatic particular to the configuration of the temporal gattern is consequent and irregularly it treasure with transfurent infect lying, in a denser not unit.

In cases of ordinary constipation \ ray exam mation arely furnishes important data However constipation alternating with diarrhea may retwift from obstructing carmonous or diserticulties or such besions may give rise to intermittent attacks of constitution that pain and in either combination the advantability of recent generological examination is suggested. (Inonto or recurring darshee calls urgently

When only one extremity was traditated the formation of the sterile abscess was not antinenced unfavorably to any degree. When the spleen was traditated abscess formation was affected only abglitly. After partial traditation in contrast to traditation of the entire body the reaction of the Mood pacture to the injection of turpentive remained normal.

(VOY BRAUNBEREENS) CLARENCE C REED M D

Shepley E E The Rôle of Radiotherapy in the Problem of Malignancy Canadian M in J 1935 32 232

Irradiation is recognized as the treatment of choice for cancer of the tip, mouth, pharipar, and anal area. In canner of the rectum pre operative irradiation constitutes the ideal primary attack. In malignancy of the esophagua irradiation is the single measure that offers the patient the greatest raise

In cancer of the uterus vagana vulva, female urethra bladder prostate penis and testicles irrach ation constitutes not only the premary attack but is very largely the treatment of choice. In cancer of the breast it i the chief factor in successful treat ment. The prima v attack on cancer in the nasal accessory anuses, tonsils pharynx and larynx is radiotherapeutic. In cancer of the hings, bronchi or pleura, palliative irradiation is indicated. In sarcoma the initial treatment and sometimes the only treatment is irradiation. In secondary maing nancy, treadiation often effect marked palhation This is particularly marked in bon) metastases the pain of which is often entirely rehered. In an analysis of all cancer deaths due to malignancy of the breast in Sweden We termark found that without treatment the pat ent lives on an average thirty onemonths after surge ; thirty nine months after surgery and po toperative stradiation forty nine months after surgery with pre operative and postoperative irradiation sixty-one months and after endothermy and madiation sixty even JOSEPH & NARAY M D months

#### MISCELLANDOUS

Lob & Indications for and Results of Short Wave Therapy in Surgery (Anzugestellus in and Figsbasse der Kurzwellenbehandlung in der Chrurges) Muenches med Rahischt 1934 2

After a brief review of the physical difference be autent long wave and short wave distherny the author defends the theory that the biological effect of short wave distherny is not spenfirely electrical but to be attributed to the production of beat in the tessees. While the heat action is dependent upon the wave length and therefore to a certain extent specific her extent in which this selective heat action can be made useful in medical practice has not yet been decreased. Except does not suppossible the patients of the control of the cont

The author reviews the indications recognized and the experience at the University Cl me at Munich up to the present time in the treatment of the surpost conditions in which short wave diathermy comes up for consideration. He warms against and criminate treatmen of scute pyogenic infection with short wave diathermy as the use of this therapy without a preceding surgical procedure often leads to spread of the infectious process with increased tusue necrosis and absorption of forms Good results are obtained in some conditions especially non-supportaine pleural exudates recurrent joint effusions pen arthritis humeroscapularis acute disea es and wounds of muscles (overstretching contusion lum bago) and aciatics and other neuralgic complaints The method is of value ilso in the after treatment of numerous surgical conditions. An attempt to in fluence moperable tumors of harran beings favorably by short wave diathermy was unsuccessful Seither in the author a opinion is it po sible to demon trate a specific biological action of short wave diatherm) on animal tumors

(YON HASSELBACE) HARRY A SALZENN M D

# MISCELLANEOUS

# CLINICAL ENTITIES—GENERAL PHYSIO-LOGICAL CONDITIONS

Mutschenbacher, T.: The Surgical Importance of Angioneurotic Edema (Die chirurgischen Beziehungen der angioneurotischen oedeme) Orvosképzés, 1934, 24 33

An important constitutional condition, the angioneurotic exudative constitution, is described with all its interesting symptoms on the basis of some of the author's cases and a review of the literature

Vasomotor disturbances arise from over-excitation of the innervation of the blood vessels may be caused by chemical substances having their origin within or outside of the body The author attributes postoperative death after thyroidectomy for exophthalmic gotter to severe anaphylactic shock In one of his cases of severe recurrent evophthalmos it was necessary to perform a cholecystectomy with drainage of the common duct before the contemplated thyroidectomy The severe postoperative reaction was essentially the same as that observed following interventions on the thyroid The patient remained in a critical condition for twenty-four At the end of that time recovery resulted with a decrease in the metabolism from +90 per cent to +56 per cent Several months later the thyroidectomy was performed with a much milder reaction.

The author's cases of angioneurotic edema are divided into two groups. The first group are those of young persons without a proved inherited tendency to develop the condition. After the ingestion of certain foods these patients experience attacks of edema of the face, tongue, uvula, or other part of the body which continue for several hours. Noteworthy are the cases reported by two surgeons in which the spraying of a ½ to 1 per cent solution of novocain on the skin was followed by urticaria factitia with marked reddening and edema. In exudative conditions the author has repeatedly seen tissue necrosis follow prolonged spasm of the vessels after the injection of a novocain solution, even a solution free from tonogen

The second group into which the author divides his cases of angioneurotic edema are those of persons with a hereditary familial disposition to the condition. He has observed Quincke's edema in four generations of one family. Balint has described by the term "tympanismus vagotonicus" a syndrome with intestinal spasms. The author reports two cases in which ileus-like symptoms were probably caused by circumscribed edema of the mucous membrane of the intestine. As nearly all of his patients with allergic symptoms had a reduced basal metabolism (from -25 to -35 per cent), the assumption of hypothyroidism seems justified.

After reviewing the various methods of treatment recommended, the author cites a number of severe and fatal cases from the literature to emphasize the possible seriousness of angioneurotic edema

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Adson, A. W., Kernohan, J. W., and Woltman, H. W.: Cranial and Cervical Chordomas: A Clinical and Histological Study. Arch Neurol. & Psychiat, 1935, 33 247

The authors report a case of tumor arising from the clivus blumenbachii, a case of tumor arising from the spheno-occipital synchondrosis, and a case of tumor arising from the second cervical vertebra. These cases are interesting because our knowledge of the response of such tumors to surgical intervention and roentgenotherapy is limited. The third case is of interest also because the tumor present in the cervical region had caused symptoms for twenty years and at operation was found encapsulated and could be completely enucleated. In the histological study of the tumors a new conception was evolved and further evidence was obtained with regard to the possible presence of glycogen in the cytoplasmic vacuoles of the cells

Except in the sacrococygeal region, vertebral chordomas are decidedly infrequent. Next to the sacrococygeal region, their most common site is the cervical region. Occasionally they occur in the lum-

bar region.

So far, a pre-operative diagnosis of chordoma has been made only by biopsy, a procedure that is restricted to tumors of the sacrococcygeal group and to those that make their way into the nasopharyny from the skull or the cervical portion of the spine However, biopsy also may present difficulties Hirsch reported a case in which repeated specimens taken from a tumor in the tonsillar region resulted in such a wide variety of diagnoses and comments by eminent pathologists as almost to drive him to despair Ultimately a diagnosis of chordoma was made Until the pathologist had been informed that the tumor extended into the retropharyngeal space, he had had great difficulty in reconciling the microscopic picture with the origin of the growth

It has been suggested that a diagnosis of chordoma arising from the clivus blumenbachii or spheno-occipital synchondrosis can be made only with the aid of roentgenography. However, in the second case reported by the authors little evidence of destruction of bone was seen in the postmortem roentgenogram in spite of the fact that the tumor originated from the region of the spheno-occipital synchondrosis and had invaded the surrounding bone. Obviously, therefore, visualization of the tumor in situ would be very difficult or almost im-

possible. In the authors first case there was no demonstrable destruction of hone and only the secondary signs or the c from neighboring involvement led to the diagnosis Operative intervention relieve d many of the signs of dyspituitarism at least tempo rardy Even the menses returned to normal. The authors state that mentgen therapy is of doubtful value although this group of tumors is too small to allow conclusions reparding it Mort chordomas have a tendency to invade the surrounding bone and soft tissues so that their complete removal is impossible and local recurrence and extension are almost cettain. The third case reported by the authors was unique as the tumor was definitely and completely encapsulated and therefore was enucleable. It had eroded but not invaded the adjacent hope and behaved grossly more like a neurothroma than like z chordoma

The histological features of all three tumo a new characteristic of chordomas and closels simulated those of the embryonic notochord Some of the vacuoles of the physaliphorus cells contained mucus The content of the others was not demonstrable. It has been claimed that these vacuoles contain giveo gen but as it is often impossible to obtain fresh tissue and to fix it immediately in absolute alcohol which is necessary for microchemical identification of this substance it is difficult to prove or disprove this claim. The it sue from all of the three tumors described by the authors had been fixed in formalde hyde an aqueous solution in which givengen is extremely soluble yet Best a carmine stain u ed On sections of the trisue which had been embedded and rut in paraffin gave a strongly positive result. Con trol aections from other tissues such as liver tissue and from tumors such as chondromas did not give positive reactions. While it is doubtful if the content of the cellular vacuoles is glycogen it may be para gly cogen or some allied substance. Further invests gation of the content of these vacuales is necessary to determine its true nature. The nuclear vacuoles did not give a positive reaction with the stain for glycogen. The authors believe it possible that previous vorkers who demonstrated glycogen in chordamas were obtaining a non specific reaction such as the authors observed Previous norkers did not mention having thed the stam for glacogen after the tumor tissue had been haed in formaldehade or its a fixative containing water

# Primrose A Cancer Landdon M Ass J 1935 37

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usually involve only the inner layers

Histologically, carcinoids are of a reticular structure, solid or composed of small tubules, or both. On the whole, they constitute a uniform group, but it is not certain whether all carcinoids are to be attributed to the same type of cell, the so-called yellow cells of the gastric and intestinal epithelium Like the cells of carcinoids, these cells can be stained with chromium and silver but only when the tissue has been fixed in formalin The author suggests that functionally different cells of the epithelium, distinguishable from one another by stains, may take part in the formation of carcinoids—that there may be different kinds of carcinoids He states that, at any rate, it has not yet been determined whether all carcinoids possess the peculiar property of taking chromium and silver stains It is probable that the nodules of the duodenal papilla are not identical with other carcinoids The author emphasizes also that the peculiar reactions mentioned are not exhibited by the glandular growths of the stomach and duodenum

Carcinoids arise from budding of the epithelium at the base of the crypts, probably from the yellow cells These buds also show the peculiar reactions Segmentation of the buds is preceded by catabiotic

changes of an inflammatory nature

The theory of an embryonic origin of carcinoids is not acceptable. Like nevi, carcinoids are usually benign. The author believes that the designation of carcinoids by terms based on one or another resemblance of these tumors to nevi, basiloma or island-cell adenomas of the pancreas should be rejected as not sufficiently appropriate. He states that the manner of spread of carcinoids is not known

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# Sutton, R. L., Jr.: Early Cutaneous Carcinoma J Am M Ass., 1935, 104 433

The author attempted to determine which circumscribed epithelial newgrowths theoretically difficult to classify have the potentiality of developing into carcinoma He reports briefly five cases and describes the earliest recognizable skin carcinoma from three standpoints the clinical, the microscopic, and the theoretical In accordance with the theory that one cell can constitute a cancer, he states that such a description is independent of the size of the lesion It is independent also of the rate of growth of the lesion. It stresses the concept that carcinoma in the gross is purely a manifestation en masse of epithelium growing abnormally It conceives relative malignancy as dependent on balance between the proliferative capacity of tumor cells and the resistance of the host. It explains multiplicity of cell type in one tumor on the basis of mutation following on mutation It enlarges the concept of skin carcinoma, and offers a reasonable and unified design for the interpretation of neoplastic processes. It is eminently practical for it encourages suspicion of minute lesions which might grow into gross carcinomata

The therapeutic correlate is that, if a lesion may cause serious trouble later, now is the time for its destruction

The author sums up his conclusions briefly as follows:

1 Many skin cancers begin as de novo lesions

2 The earliest visible lesion in these cases is a circumscribed scaly, epithelial newgrowth

- 3 Because of the structure of many minute, scaly, epithelial newgrowths it is reasonable to presume that, if not interrupted, these growths will become obvious carcinomas
- 4. It is reasonable to believe that such lesions are in fact early carcinomas
- 5 If a lesion has a structure not compatible with the likelihood that it is an early carcinoma, it might be called precancerous However, it is impossible to predict that such a lesion, if uninterrupted, will develop a structure such that it would be properly called carcinoma.
- 6 It is impossible to determine at what point in its natural history a cancerous lesion was not can-

cerous

7 It is reasonable to believe that cancer is cancer from the start

8 The concept of precancerosis is indecisive and undefinable. It groups unrelated conditions which may or may not be early cancer. Its acceptance entails the insoluble problem of establishing a dividing line between cancer and non-cancer as well as the insoluble problem of a statistical assay of lesions that are strictly individual

9 A lesion may be cancerous regardless of its size and rate of growth

10 Cancer is primarily an epithelial disease

A cancer consists of mutated somatic cells

12 The earliest visible manifestations are circumscribed, dyskeratotic lesions which microscopically are composed of polymorphous epithelial cells that proliferate, keratinize, and undergo mitosis in an abnormal manner

13 Malignancy depends on a balance between the proliferative capacities of its cells and the control or

resistance of the host.

14 One tumor may contain several kinds of cells as the result of mutation following on mutation

15. Early cancerous lesions are readily destroyed and cured. If all early lesions were suspected and destroyed the development of late lesions which may

become incurable would be prevented

In treating a patient with what he believes to be an early carcinomatous lesion the author removes the entire lesion as a cylindrical disk of dermis and epidermis by means of the actual cautery, taking with it a margin of normal tissue as narrow as he believes to be safe. He then sections the removed tissue and examines the prepared slide to determine that the excision has gone beyond the margin of the atypical growth laterally as well as in depth. In no case in which microscopic examination showed that the tumor was removed completely has a recurrence developed.

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The author points out that so-called "aggressive" and "malignant" properties of tumor cells may be simulated and possibly explained by purely nutritive modifications which their presence imposes on a stationary differentiated tissue. No evidence of a specific anti-tumor cell body activity was found in

the case reported.

The evidence of this case points also to the fact that cancer cells are not necessarily destroyed in the circulating lymph or blood of their host, but, on the contrary, may thrive therein Only marked retardation or arrest of the blood and lymph streams affects their nutrition and growth adversely Under these conditions nutriment which is needed in abundance by the rapidly multiplying cells falls below their requirements or is completely shut off

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Karitzky, B: Results of the Spread of Information on Caneer. A Clinical Contribution to the Cancer Problem and Cancer Propaganda Ergebnis der Krebsaufklaerung Ein klinischer Beitrag zum Krebsproblem and zur Krebspropa-ganda) Deutsche Zischr f Chir, 1934, 243 560

On the basis of the 1,817 tumors operated upon at the Surgical Clinic of the University of Freiburg in the period from 1920 to 1933 Karitzky reports on the results of the spread of information on caneer

problems among the lasty in Baden

By far the greatest number of persons who develop cancer are older than forty years and, more than half are over fifty years of age. An increase in morbidity has not been demonstrated. In recent years cancer has been appearing at an increasingly advanced age It has decreased in the first 3 decades of life and increased in the seventh and eighth decades The purpose of the spread of information regarding caneer among the laity is to bring the patient for treatment early and thereby improve the statistics of cure From this standpoint externally visible tumors differ from tumors of internal organs Benign tumors of the breast are included with breast cancers as the tendency to delay seeking

treatment is the same whatever the type of the tumor If cancer propaganda is to be adjudged successful its results must be evidenced, above all, in a reduction of the period of delay, the interval between the appearance of the first signs of the disease and

the beginning of clinical treatment

The author's findings as regards the period between the first appearance of the symptoms of cancer and the treatment, the operability of the treated tumors, and the practical results of the spread of information on cancer are shown in a table The criterion of success of the campaign to enlighten the public must be an increasing number of persons coming to the physician within three months after the appearance of suspicious symptoms According to the findings of the author's investigations the cancer campaign has not yet been successful with respect to most tumors The single exception is skin cancer, but in the second part of the period covered by the investigation almost half of the patients with this condition came to the clinic two years or longer after the beginning of the disease. In the case of externally visible tumors the period of delay of treatment can therefore be decreased Breast cancer has not been influenced by enlightenment of the laity

The author refers briefly to investigations on the total survival period of patients with tumor after the appearance of the initial symptoms. In cases of tumors of the same tissue structure and the same growth intensity the period of survival is about the same. Persons suffering from cicatrizing gastric cancer may survive for as long as twenty years In cases of tumor of the internal organs no definite conclusions as to the duration of the disease can be drawn from the duration of the symptoms The author discusses at length the conception of operability of tumors from the clinical standpoint. Most patients with cancer die with phenomena of stenosis Death therefore occurs when the local tumorous process has healed and cicatrized and as the immediate result of this local spontaneous healing operable when it has given rise to no metastases and can be removed by operation without great danger

Detailed researches on metastasis in cases of carcinoma of the mammary gland are reported Bone metastases are next most frequent to lymph-gland tumors Before radical operations were performed, local recurrence and metastasis occurred in cases of mammary carcinoma and bone metastases did not assume clinical importance because the patients died from the local recurrences Since the radical operation has been performed and life has been thereby prolonged, death results from metastases in distant parts of the body in cases in which the treatment bas The tendency toward metasnot been successful tasis increases when the primary tumor becomes necrotic or ulcerates With repetition of the process of metastasis, there is a progressive diminution of the time between the appearance of metastases

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possible to drive anyone to the doctor by rausin. him to fear a disease unless the doctor knows an effective means of curior the cause of the disease He cites a number of cases of treatment of tumorsh. quacks and laymen He states that efforts to in struct the lasty regarding cancer has converted the tear of cancer always present in some persons info an epidem e cancer panic. It cannot be the miss on of the physician to spread this prote by measures hased on theory for these reasons the proposal repeatedly made in recent times to subject all persons of cancer age to repeated examinations for the initial stages of the disease should be rejected until such time as the physician's own attitude toward the timo problem is on a more reasonable basis and members of the medical profession come to regard tumor formation as an organic process characteristic of the body which has the possibility of developing harm fully and the harmful results of which can be pre sented (SARITZEY) FLORENCE ANNAS CAPPENTER

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POSTOPERATIVE PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS, A REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE OF 1932–1933

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In the medical literature of 1932-1933 postoperative pulmonary complications occupied an important place in both American and European journals and a multitude of comprehensive studies on the subject were presented Emphasis was placed, naturally, upon the prevention of such complications, their early recognition, and their treatment.

Some years ago practically every chest condition that followed an operation, whether within hours or days, was promptly labeled "ether pneumonia" and considered an unfortunate but unavoidable sequel of general anesthesia. Quite a number of the patients developing postoperative chest complications succumbed and "ether pneumonia" became one of the most dreaded aftermaths of operation

In recent years, as these conditions have been studied more carefully, it has become apparent that they are not due to the anesthesia per se, since patients operated upon under general, rectal, intravenous, regional, or local anesthesia all share the risk of developing a pulmonary complication Consequently, the expression "ether pneumonia" has become obsolete and the various conditions are now grouped under the terms "atelectasis," "pneumonia," "bronchitis," "pulmonary embolism," "pulmonary infarction," "pulmonary abscess," and "pulmonary gangrene"

King (36), in reviewing a series of surgical cases which he studied at the Massachusetts General Hospital over a period of two years, reports that postoperative pneumonia, pneumonitis, or collapse occurred in 6 o per cent of the total number,

14 per cent of the cases in which a laparotomy or herniotomy was done, and 7 2 per cent of those in which a thyroidectomy was performed

The incidence of such complications varies greatly Trueta Raspall (64), speaking of upper abdominal operations, concludes that of patients with a normal vital capacity, 2 per cent have pulmonary complications following operation, while of those with a lowered vital capacity, 72 per cent develop such complications.

#### ATELECTASIS

A historical review of atelectasis has been included in most of the papers dealing with this subject and the development is sufficiently interesting and instructive to warrant a brief summary Atelectasis was first described by Schenk in 1811 as it appeared in babies who died shortly after birth In 1826, Laennec described a similar condition found at postmortem examination of adults, which he explained as a manufestation of asthma The name "atelectasis" was coined by Jorg in 1823 from two Greek words, ateles, meaning incomplete or imperfect, and ektasis, meaning extension or expansion (Bergh 7) In 1844 Legendre and Bailly were the first to describe atelectasis clearly and to separate it from the inflammatory consolidations They considered the collapse due to the retention of bronchial secretions and imperfect respiratory expansion Traube came to the same conclusion, and Mendelssohn showed experimentally that bronchial occlusion by foreign bodies causes atelectasis. Fuchs, in 1849, was the first to suggest that the air distal to

the obstruction is absorbed into the blood stream Earlier investigators observed that collapse often followed occlusion of branchi by external pressure such as occurs in cases of tumor, enlarged homph nodes and aneurism Gurdner, in 1850, de scribed a case of collapse caused by a valve of mucus permitting expiration but not inspiration Barthels in the period from 1861 to 1867, studied bronchial occlusion produced by the membranes of diphtheria. In 1878 I ichtheim produced collapse of the lung after the introduction of lamin aria plugs into the bronchus and studied the rapidity of absorption of the different pases of which the air is composed. He stated that if the pulmonary vessels are ligated pulmonary collanse does not follow

The first description of atelectasis according to the modern conception of a chineal entity appeared in the classical works of Pasteur begin ning in 1800. In Pasteur's opinion the collapse was five chiefly to paralysis of the duphragm and respiratory muscles. In 1914 Filhot and Dingles suggested that it was due to occlusion of a bronchus by retained secretions. In 1918, Sir Joseph Rose Bradford advanced the theory that collapse is a result of immobility and retraction of the che i wall and diaphragm instead of intrabron chial causes direct (1020) believed it was due to pulmonary subventilation following the summer position and an abdominal operation. During the war he found that atelectasis frequently followed gunshot wounds of the chest either penetrating or nun negetrating but observed no cases following injuries of the univer extremities or head

In 1925 Scott concluded that atelectasis was due either to a reflex constriction of broncholer such as occurs in vaw motor bronchial spass or to an edema of the brunchial mucous membrane

which obstructed the air pa sages incipence. Ligures as to the frequency of atelectasis as a postoperative complication vary greatly. Some investigators consider only massive atelectasis while others include also minor degrees of atelectasis and hypoventilation. Cases are being more readily recogniced since the condition has been more thoroughly studied and the diagnosis has been made more certain be phesical and coentgenographic examinations dentally however there has been a decrease in the occurrence of collapse due to vigorous efforts to prevent it and a clearer understanling if the etiological factors invol ed Scott and Eutler report collapse in 0.6 per cent of postoperative cases in which carbon dioxide inhalations were not used and in o 2 per cent of cases in which car bun dioxide was administered posteperatively

Pasteur found collapse in 0.8 per cent of cases in v hich an abdominal operation was performed

Sutton (61) places the general postoperative medience of a telectasis at from 0.8 to 1.3 per cert and the meadence of pulmonary complications in general at from 2 to 4.4 per cent. He observes that some authorities believe that practically all pulmonary complications have small areas of attlectasis as a haspi known.

Settinger gives the incidence of postoperatus attelectasis as 7,3 per cent I Andell Hendron states that attelectasis of some degree is present in from 10 to 20 per cent of cases in which operatur has been performed while Muller and Overhold and Pendergrass have demonstrated by merson at Pendergrass have demonstrated by merson of certain types. Mastics Spitler and McNamee found, oper cent of all polinomy; complications to be of attelectate

origin. While opinions as to the etiology of atelectars are still diverse practically all whiters agree that the condution is mort frequently a result of browchard occlusion. It has been repeatedly shown experimentally that obstruction of a main bronchus to followed by rapid absorption of the air in the distall part of the lung with resulting atelestans. Browchiad contraction or spa.m surb as occurs in authmatics must also be considered (Scott and Scringer). The etiological factors can be convenedly grouped as pre-operative operative and

postoperative ETIQLOUY Pre operative factors The presence of infections of the upper respirators tract bron chitis or chronic pulmonary disease of any type increases the hazard of subsequent collapse (I u bin as Litseon and McLaughlin asl Debili tated patients sende patients and patients con uned to bed for long period, pre operatively are more liable to develop collapse than others (Bergh 7) Lubin points out that even in un anesthetized patient buccal and nasal secretory can be found in the major bronchi after a period of several hours. This was demonstrated by the studies of William B Faulkner Material in the bronchs resulting from chronic intrapulmonary supportions gravitates with the position of the patient arcerding to the principles of internal dramage if ohn as lauthner and Lauthner 24) and may readily occlude one or more bronchi

Thin secretions will enter minor bronch producing patchy atelectasis while thick specifies cretions plug larger bronch; causing the collapse of a complete lobe or mire (Lubin 42)

Ire operative medication is of importance Merphine tends to immissis the cough reflex and depress respiration and should not be given in large doses. Atropin decreases the buccal and bronchial secretions, rendering them more visual and difficult to remove. It tends also to increase intrapleural pressure as does epinephrin (Prinzmetal, Brill, and Leake, 50).

Operative factors—Recent careful studies have proved that the type of ane-thetic has no important bearing upon the development of atelectasis as the incidence of the condition is found to be practically the same whether the operation is performed under local, regional, rectal, nitrous oxide, or other anesthesia.

The most important factor during operation, regardless of the type of anesthesia, is aspiration. Any substance aspirated into the bronchial tree, whether oromasal secretions, blood, regarguated gastric contents, or a foreign body, gives rise to bronchial occlusion of some degree.

The type of bacteria contained in the oronisal or bronchial secretions plays a definite rôle. A pheamococcus is practically always present in the upper respiratory tract and infects the bronchial secretions, increasing their viscosity and enabling them to obstruct either large or small bronchi (Coryllos, 17).

A position of the patient during the operation which allows secretions to gravitate to one side or interferes with the flow of tidal air, increases the risk of atelectasis (Bergh, 7)

The region and type of operation has a direct bearing on the incidence of collapse. Abdominal operations, particularly operations on the stomach and duodeaum, are extremely apt to be followed by such a complication (King, 36, Balfour and Gray, 3, Eliason and McLaughlin, 21)

Postoperative factors—Hypoventilation results from limitation of the respiratory movements by pain, reflex inhibition independent of pain, tight adhesive strapping or a tight binder, abdominal distention with elevation of the diaphragm, paralysis of the diaphragm, deep narcosis from drugs, trauma to the central nervous system, and occasionally toxicity or debility (Carlson, 13, Prinzmetal Brill, and Leake, 50, Beecher 6)

The patient's position in the early postoperative period also plays an important rôle in the production of atelectasis. A decrease in the tidal air flow due to this factor and stagnation of secretions in a dependent bronchus due to leaving the patient in one position for too long a time promote atelectasis. Drugs may also play an important rôle in the production of atelectasis. Morphine, by abolishing the cough reflex, prevents the removal of accumulated secretions, and atropin renders them viscid and difficult to remove. It has been

repeatedly shown experimentally that occlusion of a bronchus plus abolition of the cough reflex and limitation of the respiratory excursions will cause massive atelectasis (Van Allen, 60; Jackson and Jackson, 32; Lee and Tucker)

symptoms accompanying atelectasis are governed by the suddenness of the onset of the bronchial occlusion, the size of the plugged bronchus, the alteration of intrapleural pressure, the disturbance in the position of the mediastical structures, and the amount and the virulence of the intrabronchial infection (Faulkner and Taulkner, 23) A slowly developing atelectasis without serious infection may cause few symptoms. If highly virulent organisms are present, severe symptoms and general tovemia are apparent. Gradual changes in the intrapleural pressure and vital enpacity are tolerated well, but sudden alterations are accompanied by severe symptoms. The latter are: a sudden rise in the temperature, pulse rate, and respirations, pain in the cliest, cyanosis, dyspinca, cough, and a mucopurulent sputum. The patient usually prefers to sit up in bed

process. The diagnosis of atelectasis can be made readily from the physical signs supplemented by the findings of roentgenoscopic and roentgenographic examinations. As is pointed out by many investigators early diagnosis is most important as it permits prompt treatment which decreases the chance of serious and possibly fatal infection.

Atelectasis varies in its time of onset. It may develop on the operating table, during the first few postoperative hours, or from one to five days after operation (Lubin, 42). Its early appearance is most characteristic and constitutes one of its important diagnostic features.

The typical physical signs are obvious restriction of the respiratory movements on the side of the collapse, dullness over the collapsed area, compensatory emphysema in the normal lung, displacement of the mediastinal structures, including the trachea, toward the area of collapse, alteration in the breath sounds (which may be absent, diminished or accentuated), and râles developing usually late in the course of the disturbance

Overholt points out that abnormal physical signs may be elicited after practically all operations, especially abdominal operations, and that caution must be exercised in their interpretation. The physical signs in atelectasis frequently vary in the same patient from minute to minute or from hour to hour. When the patient moves or coughs, dislodgment of the phigs of secretion may occur with resulting sudden disappearance of all

signs. If the murus forming the plug is not expercented, than imparts by gravit and occlude a different bronchus, grung me to atelectass in another part of the same lung or the other lung. A further accumulation of secretions may plug adjarant bronch adding to the extent of the original lesion. In bilateral collapse, shifting of the mediastinum may not occur.

The rocntgenological bindings in atletectasy. Manges and Farrell, 44. Jan Allen La Field and Ross 66. Hawk. Shepard and Purkuss 27, Johnson and Carin 34. If all into two classes (4) increased density in the affected lung and (b) a displacement of the adjacent viscers. The density is of a characteristic homogeneous or ground glass appearance due to complete antissues of Collapse are small and multiple they may still have the same type of density but it may be over shadowed by normal lung with vessel and bron fant markings. Voto their lessons particularly pneumonia with which atelectasy may be con 1u=4, produce a more heterogeneous shadow dae

to small amounts of residual air Collapsed lung consistently occupies less space than normal or inflamed lung in both the inspiratory and the expiratory phase. This is made apparent in the roentgenogram by the visible shift of all movable structures in the chest and thest wall toward the affected lung. The diaphragm is elevated during both phases of respiration and part or all of the med astinum is moved toward the collapsed area. If the collapse is pres ent in the upper lobes, the traches is displaced On the affected side the ribs are drawn close together and comewhat downward, the interepaces being thereby narrowed while on the opposite side the interspaces are widened and the excursion of the riks is greater than normal. During resours. tion the mediastinum has a lateral motion moving toward the side of the lesion on inspiration and away from it on expiration. Slight scolous may he observed

The differential diagnosis of attelecta is from pneumonia presents the greatest difficulty specially in cases of bilateral and patchy attelectass. Coryllos and Birnhum believe that pneumonia and attelecta-is have a common basis. Bowen in a review of the subject in 1978 essimated that probably 70 per cent of cases of so-called postoperative pneumonia are actually cases of attelectass.

Farly removal of the bronchal obstruction results in prompt return of the roentgen picture to normal. When the collingse is prolonged the retained secretions become infected and even after removal of the occlusion one density way remove.

PREVENTION By far the most important chini cal aspect of atelectasis is prophylaxi in emergency cases all operative procedures should be postponed in the presence of corver, simusitis largingitis and bronchitis until these conditions have been relieved Balfour and Gray (3) stress the importance of delaying operation at least a week after apparent recovery from an acute respiratory infection. Atropin as commonly given before operation is useful to diminish secretions during operation but should be used sparingly if at all postoperatively as it tends to thicken secretions and render their drainage more difficult Jackson and Jackson (12) con demn the use of atropin to lessen secretion either before during or after operation Potassium todide is often given postoperatively to thin secre tions and to facilitate their removal (Faulkner and Faulkner 23 Lubin 42) General anesthesia should be induced gradually for when it is in duced quickly it causes increased secretion in the mouth and the gasping straining inspiration leads to aspiration of this material (Faulkner and Faulkner .3) The safest anesthesia is that in which the reflexes are retained and the patient awakens rapidly after the operation Local anesthesia accompanied by the administration of rather large arrapunts of sedative is not of the

type
Ballour and Gray (3) point out the importance,
in operations for gastric conditions of empiring
the stomach by tube to prevent the squeezing out
or gastric contents which may be a pirated so
they roll out of the mouth

When an operation is to be performed on 5 patent with known pulmonars supportation with effort must be enade to remove the material collected in the bronchus and pulmonary carvisas completely as possible before the operation Thorough powtural drainage should be extracted for some time and if the cavities cranot be empty of the control of the control

The position of the patient on the operation that had not had after the operation must be such as to prevent the accumulation of verticina and facilitate their drainage. After operation the side not operated upon should be uppermost to be good lung. During any operation the Treatment of the good lung. During any operation the Treatment of the good lung. During any operation the Treatment of the good lung. During any operation the Treatment of the material outward and prevent its stagmation in the bronch. The Fowler position should never be adopted until the patient is fully conscious and able to raise apputum. Frequent pos operative

change of position is of the greatest value in preventing the occumulation of secretions in the bronchial tree (Coryllos, 17).

Since reflexes should be kept intact as far as possible, deep anesthesia and heavy sedation are dangerous. The use of suction by the anesthetist during and at the close of the operation is wist. For thorocoplisty, Coryllos recommends the use of intratracheal insufflation anesthesia combined with bronchial suction, for which he has devised and described special instruments and technique (17)

Rigorous pre operative oral hygiene should be carried out in every surgical case. Dental sepsis and caries should receive attention, and the teeth and gums frequently and chiciently cleaned. An antiseptic, such as Berwick's dye, should be applied to infected gums.

Pre operative vaccination chiefly against streptococci has been practiced by some and regarded as of value in the prevention of chest complications (Boiron, S). Anti-anaerobic vaccines have also been used

Constant vigilance is necessary to prevent se cretions from remaining in the airways. On the operating table they may be removed by suction. After the patient has been returned to his room he must remove them himself. Consequently be must not be unduly narcoticed and must be constantly encouraged to raise secretions by coughing and to expectorate them.

In a few cases in which sufficient material is present to cause distress, such as evanosis, difficulty in breathing, loud wheezing, and rattling, which does not yield to ordinary measures, bronchoscopy should be resorted to immediately (Jackson and Jackson 32, l'aulkner and Laulkner, 23).

Hypercentilation. In the prophylaxis of pulmonary complications great emphasis has usually been placed on hyperventilation. This is most readily obtained by the administration of carbon dioxide which increases both the rate and the depth of respiration (King 37, Ehason and Mc-Laughlin, 21) Bergh gives an interesting sketch of the history of the use of carbon dioxide and discusses its present use and value. He ascribes its beneficial effect to decper and more rapid breathing which maintains the thorax in a state of greater expansion, thus tending to open atelectatic areas. In addition, it causes more violent movement of the tracheobronchial tree and tends to dislodge mucus. However, as its effect is transitory, disappearing when the inhalations of the gas cease, the administrations must be repeated at frequent intervals. Carbon dioxide inhalation at

the close of an operation has the advantage also of hastening the return to consciousness. It is therefore particularly useful after other anesthesia (Cutting, 18). Prinzmetal, Brill, and Leake (50) have found that intrapleural pressure produces pulmonary subventilation. causing increased intrapleural pressure are anesthesia, abdominal meision, traction on abdominal viscera, pressure on the abdomen or chest, and certain drugs such as ephedrin. Increased intrapleural pressure tends to cause a decrease in vital capacity, favor the accumulation of secretions, and prevent proper lung drainage by facilitating the formation of obstructing nineus plugs in the bronchi. The inhalation of carbon dioxide lowers the intrapleural pressure, hence being invaluable in counteracting the harmful effect of surgery upon the respiratory physiology. Every patient recovering from an operation should be encouraged to take frequent deep breaths of his own volution (Eliason and McLaughlin, 21).

Carlson (13) and Beecher (6) have reported extensive studies of inhibition of respiration as a cause of postoperative chest complications. After abdominal operations they found a decrease in the amplitude of the respiratory excursions and a lowering of the vital capacity due to poor ventilation of the lower lobes. Long periods in one position tend to cause congestion and subventilation of the lung. Abdominal distention should be prevented as it elevates the diaphragm and interferes with agration of the lower lobes of the lung

In discussing the postoperative use of morphine, Bergh advises the administration of this drug in sufficient amounts to control pain, as pain leads to shallow respiration and unwillingness of the patient to raise secretions. The dosage must be kept below the point at which the cough reflex is abolished.

Van Allen and Lindskog point out that cough is not effective in dislodging a plug unless air is present distal to the plug, and may be definitely harmful. They advise that it be allowed only in moderation, and that excessive cough be controlled by narcotics. Coryllos and Birnbaum believe that cough is the most valuable natural defense of the lungs, and that even though it may not dislodge a bronchial plug it cannot draw it further into the bronchial tree. They contend that viscid sputum does not act like more liquid substances such as hpiodol

TRLAIMENT Postoperative collapse can be prevented and is amenable to treatment. When these facts become more generally recognized, pulmonary complications will be appreciably diminished. The chief essential in treatment is

early differentiation of the condition from oneig moma in order that proper treatment may be

astituted promptly

The aims in treatment are to evacuate bron chial secretions re establish air flow to the hine. overcome infection, prevent such complications as pneumonta pulmonary abscess and pulmonary gangrene, and institute prompt relief. These ends may be attained by postural dramage postural exercise hyperventilation, the administra tion of experiorants and inhalations, and bronchoscopi

Postural drainage makes use of the mechanics of internal dramage as demonstrated by Faulkner and Faulkner (2) and I ubin (4) The nations with a nlugged bronchus should be turned in a position which will allow dependent drainage of the involved bronchus according to anatomical relationships Deep breathing coughing, or striking the chest while in this position will uses ally dislodge the plug. It is then important for the patient to expectorate all of the material to prevent migration and replugging Sante introduced the treatment of rolling the patient to dislodge a plug. Hyperventilation by carbon dioxide. inhalations has been discussed in the consideration of preventive measures. Expectorants which thin ecretions are of aid in dislodeing accumulated mucus II these means fail bronchoscopy should be reserted to promptly as advocated by Jackson and Jackson (33) and Lubin (42) When per formed skillfully bronchoscopy is not a formida ble procedure

Lubin points out that occasionally the lung fulls to clear after the plug has been removed bronchoscopically. This occurs in cases in which the plug has been present for some time causing the bronchial mususa to become red and swollen and orrluding the lumen by edema and occasion ally by granulation tissue. Under such conditions repeated bronchoscopies with intrabronchial med scatton may be necessary before the edema subsides sufficiently to open the airways

Spontaneous recovery in atelectasis is frequent but as a rule is favored by dislodgment of the plug by the patient a movements in bed or by coughing Preumotherax is advocated by some (Ellen)

Larris Habli ton and Scrimger) as a treatment for atelectasis to relieve the cardiac embarrass ment incident to the mediastical shift, but is corr demned by others because it micreases the intra pleural pres ure and exerts every influence to preserve the collapse of the lung

PROCESSIS The outcome in atelertasse is usu ally favorable as the condition is not only present able but also readily amenable to proper early

treatment. When precautionary measures are neglected or adequate treatment is delayed true pneumonia, pulmonary abscess, pulmonars gan grene or empyema may result. Prolongation of collapse is followed by infection of the retained secretions. If the virulence of the retained organ isms is high the exudate becomes more viscid and fibrinous, pneumonitis mix develop and pneu monta or a suppurative process may follow

PREUMONIA Discussions of postoperative preumonia over lap those of stelectasis as a clear dividing hee be treen the two conditions has by no means been established Ling (37) finds a small group of cases in his series which run the choical course and present the physical and roentgenological signs of a true bronchonneumonia. Although this group is small, it includes most of the fatal cases. Be tween the cases of frank parumonia and those of frank atelectasis lies a large intermediate group which is difficult to classify. The condition in the latter is not pneumonia in the medical sen e as it runs a shorter and less toxic course. Whipple has called it "pneumonitis to denote a paru monta in which the exudate is caused by a pneu motoccus of low virulence producing small amounts of fibrus and therefore quickly absorbed According to Coryllos the basic feature is col lapse and the sequence of events in the development of postoperative pneumonia is as follows bronchits obstruction of a bronchus by exudate atelectasts pretumonia developing in the collapsed area Many other investigators agree but are inclined to believe that not all preumonias can

be explained in this way The development of pneumonia on an atelec tatic basis depends upon prolonged duration of the atriectasis and sirulence of the organisms in the secretions occluding the bronchus Small areas of atclectasis may give rise to a pneumoniti, accompan ed by the acrumulation of pus and mucus in the moolved bronchus with resulting bronchitis This causes still further obstruction in the bron chtal tree and an extension of the process in an ever widening victous circle. The aspiration of infected material during or after operation is quite university conceded to be a factor in the production of postuperative pneumonia. In the presence of coriza trachestis bronchitis sinusitis tonsilitis and chronic pulmonars suppurations the secretions are invariable increased by operation and may be contaminated with a multiplicity of organisms because of the presence of infection of the gums and teeth. The aspiration of gastine conterts produces similar effects (Balfour 3)

The pneumococcus of Type IV is a common inhabitant of the oronasal secretions and in the presence of stagnation of secretions this ordinary saphrophyte may cause severe bronchitis with a characteristic viscid fibrous pneumonic exudate or, if its virulence is sufficiently increased, a severe generalized cellulitis and massive pneumonia (Hawk, Shepard, and Purkiss, 27, Coryllos, 17).

Infected material already in the lung from a chronic pulmonary suppuration may gravitate during or after anesthesia to other parts of the lung according to the principles of internal drainage and give rise to additional inflammatory processes

The endobronchial infection set up by the aspiration of infected material may extend into the lung by the lymphatic route. Balfour and Gray (3) point out also the importance of lymphatic dramage from the gastric and duodenal regions to the diaphragmatic and sternal lymphatic trunks, and lay particular emphasis upon a small group of lymphatics extending along the percardium to the bronchial lymph nodes which lie dorsad to the base of the lung. It has been shown experimentally that decreased activity of the diaphragm retards the lymphatic flow Operations on the upper part of the abdomen invariably cause a decrease of diaphragmatic action which in turn leads to hypoventilation of the lung bases and stagnation in the diaphragmatic lymphatics. Since, following operations on the stomach and duodenum, these lymphatics may contain organisms, a possible route of infection is provided for primary involvement of the diaphragmatic pleura and extension into the lung (Tructa Raspall, 64)

Pre-operative factors predisposing to pneumonia include sendity, general debility, and long periods in bed before the operation (Lubin, 42). Males are affected twice as frequently as females (King, 37) The effects of heavy pre-operative sedation have been discussed under atelectasis and the same considerations pertain to pneumonia

Abdominal operations, particularly those in the upper part of the abdomen, are followed by a high incidence of pneumonia. Other factors predisposing to postoperative pneumonia are long operative procedures, hemorrhage, shock, and exposure to cold during and after operation. The type of anesthesia does not seem to be a factor

The patient's position on the operating table and in bed postoperatively is important. During operation, the Trendelenburg position is advisable when possible. Long periods in one position lead to congestion of the dependent lung and subventilation. Anything leading to subventilation,

such as position, constricting handages, pain, and deep sedation by morphine, is to be avoided.

There is also a rather small group of cases in which cardiac factors increase the possibility of pulmonary difficulty after operation. From a study of a group of patients with cardiac conditions who were subjected to operation, Purks (51), concluded that in cases in which the cardiac condition is well treated congestive heart failure is not a very important factor in the causation of postoperative death. However, in the presence of cardiac conditions postoperative pulmonary infections are more frequent and are often associated with infarction.

SYMPIONS AND DIAGNOSIS. The onset of pneumonia usually occurs later than that of atelectasis, the symptoms and signs not appearing until at least forty-eight hours after operation. Physical signs of consolidation are present. In pneumonic lesions, rales are the earliest findings, whereas in atelectasis they do not occur until late (Bergh, 7).

Overholt and Veal (47) call attention to the frequency with which, after operations, particularly abdominal operations, abnormal physical signs due to mechanical factors rather than inflammatory changes in the lung may be found in the chest. Caution is therefore necessary in the

interpretation of the signs.

In the roentgen diagnosis of pneumonia error occurs by far most frequently in the differentiation of the condition from atelectasis. Van Allen has shown that areas of pneumonic density always present a heterogeneous shadow due to the presence of varying amounts of residual air scattered throughout the lesion. The congestion and consolidation of early bronchopneumonia are seen as hazy streaks or mottling in the lung fields. As the consolidation spreads, the opacities increase in number, size, and density and become more confluent However, even at the height of the disease, careful scrutiny discloses faint mottlings rather than a completely uniform density Another factor of prime importance in the roentgenographic diagnosis of pneumonia is the spaceoccupying properties of the infected lung. In a lung infected with pneumococci Van Allen and Wu demonstrated that the volume of the infected area was about normal during expiration and frequently smaller than normal during inspiration. The roentgenographic characteristics of a pneumonic process can be based upon this observation. The hemi-diaphragm may be elevated on inspiration but not on expiration. There is usually no mediastinal or tracheal shift in pneumonia. A shight shift may be noted at the height of inspiration but never on expiration (1 ing 37, 1 an Allen, La Field, and Ross 66)

The prophylactic measures to be considered for the prevention of postoperative preumonia are practically identical with the measures to be considered for the prevention of atelectives. The pre-operative requirements are (a) the tradiction of infections of all tips as for as possible (b) positioneems it of operation, except in emergency procedures, in the presence of acute respiratory infections. (c) the employing of pulmoners to the procedure of the procedure o

At operation ever thing must be done to prevent everse secretion and the adjustment of notions sub-lance. Negus (40) points our that an excesof mucus an alkalier restriction and certain an eatheries paralyse the cilis of the respiratory tact thereby destroying their protectine action in the removal of sub-lances. The importance of rapid attainmine surgical technique and a constantly warm atmosphere are stree-ed. Copylor (17) emphasizes the value of duthermine hearing of

nationts undergoing thorocoplasty

The anesthetic chosen seems to be of very little importance as long as deep narcosis is avoided. Hyperventilation at the clise of operation is now

extensively employed

The postoperative precautions undicated in clude the maintenance of body warmin and frequent changes of the patient's postion to present items of secretions and of the circulation. The cessive sedation should be avoided. Carbon divided in the control of the con

TREATHENT. The treatment of pneumona is trees satisfactors than that of ma size a talest tass and its results are certainly less spectacular. Chinging the patient of position and deep breathing exercises (Lember 4 & Elizson and McLaugh in a 'are emploved to prevent spread of the inflammation by the stagnytion of infected secret. The events congestion of the dependent portion of the lung fixewise lead to pread a freeworks.

The administration of oxygen preferably hy means of an oxygen tent relieves dyspaea and decreases cyanosis (Bandera 4) Carbon dioxide inhalations are used therapeutically as we'l as prophylactically to combat hypocentilation and stagnation of bronchial exudate (king 36 Prinzmetal Brill and Lealer, 50 Billiour and Grty, 3) Expectorants and by thinning viscal secretions and facilitating their removal.

PROCNOSE The prognosis in postoperative presentations in grave. Although the condition is furth intrequent it is responsible for a fatal out once more frequent than an other pulmonar complication. In the series of cases reported by hing (37) there were thritten leath due to pulmonar complications and in eleven of the fatal case, a diffuse bronchopneumone pocess was found. It is obvious, therefore that our attention should be directed toward the prevention after than the treatment of postuments following sum; call procedures.

BRONCHITIS

Bronchitis is frequently encountered both he fore and after operation. While it is not a senous complication in itself, it may be a forerunner of more serious conditions. Mention of it is justified since recognitions of its frequency leads to a better understanding of the pathological processes in wheel in the more enous lung complication.

Purulent bronchitis develops in a large porcent age of patients after operation. In many cases the intection is limited to the bronch. In others, it spreads to the pulmonary tissues, cau in a low grade pneumoniar or pneumonitis. In a third group, the secretion blocks the bronch ip obscurg

atelectasis

The incidence of bronchitis is much higher after operations for herma than after gisture operations in bereas severe pulmenary conditions are much roote frequent after gastine operations. This fact confirms the theory that exercism as the present after both types of operations but that after operations not the upper part of the abdomitise are estimated insurer and the indections to the five atlessed to spread into the production of the operations of the production of the prod

Infection every much secretion condense ton of ethar or chlorif rm in the nasal priseges and aspirated gastric contents blood and priseges are aspirated gastric contents blood and paralyze the disdeprising the airmans of their protective action (Negus 40 - Wil actors leading to a paraton and stagnation tend to mutate bronchins. Pental sepses is an important ethological factor

The sign and symptoms of bronchitis include a copious paralent sputum an irritative cough

fever of early onset, and respiratory difficulty Many coarse roles are constantly present over large ereas. No consolidation is evident. The onset of bronchitis occurs earlier in the post-operative course than that of picumonia (Frdmann, 22).

The measures indicated for the prevention of bronchitis are the same as those indicated for the prevention of atelectasis and pneumonia. Negus (40) stresses the importance of avoiding anesthesia of the laryny in operations on the nose and throat under local anesthesia.

The chief essential in the treatment of brouchitis is early removal of the irritating substances from the airways by coughing, postural treatment, or occasionally by bronchoscopy. During cough the inflamed bronchial walls may be approximated completely so that pus located destally cannot be expelled. Under these circumstances it may be necessary to insert an aspirating bronchoscope and remove the secretions by means of a fine flexible suction tube.

The prognosis in broughtts alone is favorable. The danger lies in the sequely of the condition-

atelectasis and pneumoma

### PULIONARY LABOREA AND INFARCTION

The most dreaded of all postoperative complications, pulmonary embolism, usually occurs during convalescence when the danger of the usual complications is past and the patient is well on the road to recovery. Treatment in general is futile. In the massive embolisms death occurs promptly. In spite of advances in surgical technique and pre-operative and postoperative care, the incidence of embolism has been little reduced.

artiology. According to the literature on embolism at is impossible to ascribe the process to any definite factor or group of factors, although contributing factors are said to be many and varied. It is rather generally conceded that the clot originates in the veins in the lower part of the body, namely, the hypogastric, iliac, femoral, pelvic, or prostatic veins, rather than the veins of the operative field (Bartels, 5, Cutting, 18)

According to Bartels, 75 per cent of embolioccur in vomen, whereas, according to Hunt, the incidence of embolism is twice as high in women as in men. Embolism may occur at any age, but is most frequent between the thirtieth and fiftieth years of life

Important in the etiology of embolism is slowing of the blood stream. This may be the result of numerous factors. Abdominal incisions tend to produce stasis in the abdominal vessels (Coombs,

16) The pre-operative blood pressure gives no clue to the possibility of later embolus formation in a given case, but lowering of the pressure during or following operation favors stasis and thrombosis. Patients with cardiac disease and myocardial damage show a higher incidence of pulmonary embolism than patients without cardiac disease (Purks, 51, Hint, 28).

Direct trauma to vessel walls at operation should be avoided. It must be borne in mind that large veins not in the immediate operative field can be traumatived by retractors (Bartels, 5, Hint, 28). Patients with thromhophlehitis often have small emboli which result in pulmonary infarction. While massive fatal emboli are not trequent, philobitis should be regarded as a possible forerunner of a large embolis.

The general condition of the patient seems to be rather significant as the majority of emboli occur in patients in poor general condition. The incidence of embolism is highest in delulitated patients, patients with malignant disease, dehydrated patients, and particularly patients with infection (Bartels, 5, Hunt, 28, Cutting, 18). No importance is attached to the type of anesthesia used.

Along with stasis of the blood stream resulting from depression of the circulation, mechanical causes, lowering of the metabolism, and changes in the blood itself have been stressed. Increased viscosity resulting from dehydration is dangerous

Allen has reported changes in the erythrocytes. the lencocytes, the prothrombin time, the fibrinogen, and the lipoids after operation (30) stressed the effect of injury to the blood platelets during operation. The findings made by Brock (9) in a study of the behavior of blood platelets following operation agree with those of previous studies made by others. A fall in the platelet count during the first postoperative days is followed after from five to seven days by a rise which reaches its maximum after from ten to twelve days and is followed by a gradual return to normal in about three weeks. The degree of the rise seems to be related definitely to the severits of the operation, but varies in different patients subjected to the same operation. The pattern of the platelet count is the same as that noted after parturition and fractures of long hones In following the platelet count in a patient who developed a venous thrombosis after thorocoplasty, Brock found the platelets at their maximum when the thrombosis developed. The high platelet count certainly does not initiate the thrombosis, but it may precipitate the thrombosis when other

tactors are present and it favors the rapid extension of a clot once formed

SYMPTOMA AND DISCUSTS. The usual time of onest of embolsism is from lour to eventeen days after operation. Ebergeny (19) reports a cross much of the control of a fatal embolsism in a patient who was allowed to be up the day after a claim appendent tomy through a McDurney incision and in a patient who was appendent only through a McDurney incision and in a patient who was allowed to be up the day after

the repair of an umbilical herma The symptoms of embolism call for very little discussion. The sudden onset of a sense of suffocation anguish dispues, precordial pain, and pallor followed by cyanosis, engorgement of the ingular veins and rapidity, weakness or disappearance of the pulse are outstanding samptoms. A large embolus suddenly occluding the pulmonary aftery causes death in one or two min utes. Incomplete occlus on prolongs the symptoms. Occiusion of one branch of the arters is compatible with life but if it occurs suddenly may be fatal because of my ocardial and carculators collapse Smaller emboli produce less severe symptoms of the same character which gradually subside. The immediate symptoms are fater followed by pleural pain and sometimes by effu sion. After a few days cough may develop and blood may appear in the souturn. One embolus suggests the possibility of a second or may cause further trouble by extension

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There is little or no mediastinal displacement the diaphragm may be high, but is not extremely elevated and some respiration recursion is present. In a case in which there were infared section months duration due to shoosis and shimbage but Allun La Field and Ross (60) observed environmental displacement during both impuration and entiration.

The fact that there was only one death from embolism is a thousand cases in which operation was

performed makes it very difficult to appraise the value of any given prophylactic measure. Since the etiological factors in embolism are not defants, the preventire measures advocated a variable and to a large extent empirical. Trainia being probably an eulological agent every efforshould be made to avoid tissue damage, especially, damage to the larger vewels by retraction and direct manipulation. In any operation upon varcese vens the first step should be proximal bgs ton (Hight; 38).

tion (Hunt 28).

The procedures suggested for correction of the blood changes favoring embolism have been minerous. A high protein duck has been found to increase the clotting power of the blood and a high carbohydrate diet to demiss? in: These descriptions and control with the ministry. These descriptions and control with the ministry of the minis

increased blood viscosity

Latly exercise of the arms and logs and deep breathing exercises while the patient is in bed keep the circulation in a more active state. Var in believes that the administration of cilcium chloride for eight days after operation is been feasil. Walter, his advocated the use of thyriod extract to increase the speed of the circulation of the circulation of the circulation and postoperative care seem to have decreased the danger of embolsium (Hint ± 2).

When a senses thrombous appears in any location very special precautions should be taken to prevent dislogment of the thrombus. The patient should be examined routinely for signs of thrombous before he is allowed to be up for the first time and when thrombous are found complete rest. Joint the prevented No making or movements should be allowed. Nauses and committing must be controlled. After one pulmon ary embolas has occurred very special nursing care should be given in order to insure complete.

TREATHEAT The treatment of cases in which the embolus is not large enough to cause rand death is still a problem. The immediate treatment indicated consists of oxigen insufficient and morphism edition. In cases of large modification and morphism edition. In cases of large modification and morphism edition. In cases of large modification and morphism extra frequently in the application of this procedure are the dain cultiva indifficentiating a missive embodism are coronary or invocardial complication and the extremely narrow time marrow time marrow time.

PROGNOSIS In an experimental study of pulmonary embolism Holt and Ettinger found that, in the dog, the pulmonary artery may be compressed as much as 75 per cent without causing death. Total occlusion causes death in ninety-three seconds. Occlusion of a main branch of the pulmonary artery increases the pulmonary arterial pressure and lowers the aortic pressure. Holt and Ettinger are of the opinion that death from pulmonary embolism is a mechanical rather than a reflex effect and depends entirely upon the size of the embolus.

#### FAT EMBOLISM

Tat embolism occurs rather frequently after the manipulation of long bones and most frequently after trauma to atrophic bones in which the fat content of the marrow is increased may be the cause of deaths attributed to shock, toxemia, infection, concussion, or pneumonia Tat droplets are carried to the right heart where, if the accumulation is great, they may cause a circulatory disturbance similar to that produced by air embolism. If the fat passes the heart, some of it may lodge in the coronary vessels, but most of it enters the lung, producing edema, congestion, hemorrhage, and, in rare instances, infarction Some of the particles of fat may pass through the pulmonary circulation and eventually lodge in any organ of the body (Cutting, 18)

The symptoms and signs of fat embolism usually appear two or three days after extensive fractures or manipulations of long bones or any tissue rich in fat. They vary with the location of the emboli. They may be cardiorespiratory or cere-

bral

The cardiorespiratory manifestations include precordial distress, dyspinea, and cough. A rapid, irregular pulse, low blood pressure, hemoptysis, and cyanosis may be present. The heart may be dilated, and many bubbling rales are heard throughout the lungs in the absence of obvious changes in the percussion note. The temperature gradually rises

PPOPHYLAXIS For the prevention of fat embolism, gentleness in the handling of tissues which contain large amounts of fat, adequate postoperative immobilization in cases of fracture, and the avoidance of prolonged anesthesia induced with a fat solvent such as ether are recommended

After the embolism is present, the treatment is entirely symptomatic. In some cases the condition runs a fulminating course with death in a few hours while in others it continues for days or weeks and is sometimes followed by recovery

# PULMONARY ABSCESS, GANGRENL, AND LEONCHIECTASIS

Pulmonary abscess, gangrene, and bronchiectosis are infrequent postoperative complications. Calonge Ruiz and Gonzalez Gil (12) observe that abscess may follow a long-standing atelectasis as the result of bacterial growth occurring in the collapsed area, and that if anaerobes are present gangrene may result.

Bronchiectasis may develop slowly after postoperative atelectasis or pulmonary suppuration and is almost always associated with a chronic sinusitis. Thick secretions in the bronchus, if not removed, are thinned by putrefactive processes giving rise to intensely irritating substances which produce changes in the bronchial walls favoring bronchiectasis (Jackson and Jackson, 32).

The Instory of bronchiectasis is usually so long that it is difficult to be certain that the onset coincided with the operation to which it is attributed. In many cases the condition is due to an old suppurative sinusitis, but the symptoms and signs become accentuated after an operation

(Negus, 46).

Foreign bodies aspirated at the time of operation are the cause of pulmonary abscess in a small group of cases. During operations on the upper air passages or tonsils aspiration is favored by abolition of the reflexes and depression of the tongue (Negus, 46) Simple aspiration of foreign bodies at times other than at operation usually does not cause abscess. In Jackson's opinion, the sudden and violent onset of abscess formation following tonsillectomy is more characteristic of a septic embolism than the action of a foreign body. A foreign body such as a tooth, a piece of bone, a piece of instrument, or a piece of tonsil in the bronchus does not produce a purulent lesion primarily The onset of suppuration is slow, and the pus formation strictly endobronchial (Jackson and Jackson, 32)

Pulmonary abscess may result from the blockage of a bronchus by infected blood or mucopus As the bacteria in inspired blood multiply, they cause swelling of the bronchial walls and often granulation tissue. They continue to grow and to infect the collapsed lung, and as the lung cannot be drained through the obstructed bronchus an abscess may be formed. If anaerobic organisms are present, gangrene of the lung may result. Multiple dilatations of the bronchi may follow any long-standing inflammation of the bronchi with blowing out of the weakened walls during cough (Negus, 46).

SYMPTOMS AND DIAGNOSIS. Jackson contrasts the symptoms of the two types of abscess (a) the

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# ABSTRACTS OF CURRENT LITERATURE

## SURGERY OF THE HEAD AND NECK

#### HEAD

Cardillo, F.: Secondary Neoplasms of the Vault of the Cranium from the Roentgenological Point of View (Le neoplasse secondare della volta cranica dal punto di vista radiologico) Radiol med, 1935, 22 205

The author divides secondary neoplasms of the vault of the cranium into (1) those involving the bone by contiguity from the extracranial and endocranial structures, and (2) those involving the bone

through metastasis from a distance

Extracranial structures which may give rise to neoplasms later invading the vault include all the structures of the scalp The epicranial aponeurosis may develop sarcomas especially of the fibrosarcoma type which, though they develop usually toward the skin and cause it to ulcerate, may at times invade the bone in a perforating manner These tumors are very malignant, grow rapidly, and are richly cellular The subcutaneous tissues of the scalp rarely form sarcomas Tumors of the verrucous type developing from warts are usually more benign and only rarely invade the bone The tuberous form are much more malignant The primary neoplasm is often a funguslike growth Smaller tumors usually appear about it Metastases occur early Differentiation from carcinoma may require microscopic examination

Malignant epithelial tumors are the most common invaders of the vault. Of these, the squamous type is seen most often. The author reports seven cases A wart or traumatic exconation may be the primary growth. At times no lesion seems to precede the carcinoma. It is not easy to determine the exact time of bone involvement. Invasion of the bone is hest discovered early by X-ray examination. The early slight erosions or excavations are easily missed. Characteristically, the region of osseous erosion is in direct relation to the superficial region involved, the contour of the defect is regular and usually well demarcated in all phases of the process, one or both tables may be involved, and the extension of the process varies in rapidity.

Meningiomas of the dura may cause fairly characteristic changes in the overlying cranial bones. These changes usually include crosion and vascularization, alteration of the type of ossification, spicule formation, diffuse thickening, dilatation of the sulcus of the meningeal artery, and possibly the presence of calcification. The crosion is not clean cut, but is spongy, irregular, and not well defined. The tumor penetrates along the haversian canals, dilates them, and causes destruction up to the separating laminæ

Metastatic neoplasms in the vault of the cranium may be formed hy any type of tumor In general the localization in the skull bones occurs during the stage of generalized skeletal invasion, but in rare instances the skull bones may he involved first. The X-ray appearance of these lessons is more polymorphic, and it is rare to see a single lesson Very rarely do the individual lesions approximate the size of the directly infiltrating lesions. As a rule there are many small foci which, grouped together, form a circumscribed area or the small foci are diffused over the entire convexity. In general the lesions are osteolytic Frequently they originate in the diploe, where their early detection may be difficult When one of the tables is involved the lesion is more easily recognized. In the differential diagnosis it is necessary to consider local disseminating tumors, metastases from a distance, Schueller-Christian disease, circumscribed osteoporosis, tuberculosis, lymphogranulomatosis, syphilis, Paget's disease, and meningiomas. A Louis Rosi, MD.

Fodor, G. I. Odontogenous Osteomyelitis of the Lower Jaw (Odontogene Osteomyelitis des Unter-kiefers) Orvoskôpzês, 1934, 24 169

In the disease picture of odontogenous osteomyelitis of the jaw the much more frequent involvement of the lower jaw is a striking characteristic. This is explained by the difference in the anatomy of the upper and lower jaws on the one hand and the difference in their blood supply on the other Odontogenous infections are intradental or paradental Cases of osteomyelitis appearing after extraction The injuries to the constitute a special group periosteum which follow infection depend upon the virulence of the infection and the resistance of the organism Mild infection leads to serous periostitis while severe forms lead to periostitis with abscess formation. As the anatomical relationships become progressively more complicated as the back of the mandible is approached from the midline, it is not a matter of chance that osteomyelitis with a grave outcome and infection endangering life almost always have their origin in the lower molar teeth.

The incidence of infections originating in the teeth is wholly independent of the incidence of caries. Of great importance in the development of osteomyelitis of dental origin is the course of the mandihular canal. The nearer the involved teeth to the mandibular canal the easier it is for pus to break through into the canal. Spread of the osteomyelitic process to the other side of the jaw usually occurs by way of the canal. Further progress is favored by dis-

semination through the bone marrow. The severity of the disease does not alway a parallel its distribution but if the asteomy clitic proces rema nom the interior of the bone or is limited laterally the acute pherom ena usually subside more quickly and complications are less frequent. When the infection in the body of the jaw extends to the larger marron, spaces the consequences are ant to be more serieus. Diffuse inflammation of the medullary cavities leads to phlegmons or abscesses which form suppurative cavities by confluence (abscessus mandibularis). The complications in the diffuse forms are of functional and cosmetic importance and may endanger life

In infancy, osteomychiis usually develops in the Bronner explains the occurrence of osteomyelitis in the first months of bie by buth traumas to which the upper iam is more exposed than the more mobile lower jaw. After infancy, a complete change takes place Following the second year of life disease of the upper jaw as infrequent I ven the hematogenous infections occur chiefly in the lower saw. After eroption of the teeth intra dental and paradental injections are most common Infection of the child's san is favored by the con

gested condition of the growing bone

In osteomy elitis of the lower jaw the acute and chronic stages run into one another in such a manner

that the transition is scarcely discernible. The different phases may continue from four to six weeks to several months or even years. The chronic stage

is characterized by necrous of the bore The operative treatment of esteomyelitis of the mandible has two phases - active treatment and con servative expectancy. Active treatment is suitable for the februle acute stage of the d sease. The first step consists in locating and cleaning out the source of the infection the infectious focus. The suppurat ing medullary cavities are opened with the chisel and the pus found in the haversian capals is removed Another part of the active treatment is the opening of periosteal abscesses and the plegmors which follow the course of the connective tissue furrows The active treatment mu t frequently be interrupted by a number of months of waiting. The dying bone often requires a long time to become separated from the fixing tissue The necrotic bone should not be re moved until the process of dving is completed and the sequestrum is completely free Reditation begins with ossilying osteitis the result of which is newly formed bone. The problem of bone regemera tion has not yet been solved by seventific research Of the bone forming factors the periosteum plass the role of greatest importance. The regenerative capacity of the jaw bone is quite extraordinary

#### A Report of Fleven Instances of SteGregor L Adamsntinoms with a Review of the Visilg mant Cases in the ligerature tetaraded 1935 16 154

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The author reviews twenty eight adamantinomas reported in the literature and eleven observed by himself which showed more or less evidence of mala,nancy The atyrical microscopic features were (r) marked cellularity of the stroma which in some cases was as extensive as in hbrosarcoma (a) predominance of the cubordal over the stellate and cylindrical types of epithelial cells or (s) prepunderance of epithelium over stroms with inter twining and branching of the epithelial proces es

Plummer, W A and Wilder R M The Ethology of Exertifiaimes Constitutional Factors. with Latticutar Reference to Exophthalmic Goffer Arch Ophil 1935 13 833

Forward displacement of the eveball occurs in a variety of general d eases but is unusual except : exophthalame gotter In syphilis tuberculoris neuro fibromatoses multiple zanthomatose and other con ditions in which granulomatous masses or tumors may all the orbit the explanation of any resulting exophthalmos is obvious. In the hemorrhagic diseases including rickets scuriv and the carous forms of leukemia intra orb tol hemorrhage may produce exophthalmos. In nephritis hyperten un and other conditions of so-called sempathicatoms true proptosi is ver unusual contrary to opinions recorded us the literature although retraction of th hids and possibly other factors which contribute to a facial expression somewhat like that observed in exophthalmic goiter is frequent

In large groups of patients the presence or absence of exophthalmos in exophthalmic goiter is correlated directly with the sevenity of the hyperthyroidism at indicated both by the basal metabolic rate and the strength of the quadriceps femoris muscles In the period since 1930 during which the seventy of exophthalma goiter has been milder the incidence of associated exorphthalmos has diminished to 40

per cent Before 1922 it nas almost 70 per cent In exophthalmic goiter exophthalmos may develop or progress in two rather distinct phases of the disease. It may occur in association with an elevated basal metabolic rate and with the constitutional a) imptoms of the disease and it may appear in an otherwise quiescent phase of the condition when the basal metabolic rate is within or even below normal levels and constitutional symptoms are absent or, at least attenuated Exophthalmos which develops when the basal metabolic rate is elevated in exophthalmic goiter is usually moderate Edema of the lide is present in only a small percentage of the cases and as usually slight. The propious is almost always belateral and equal or nearly equal in both eves It usually is associated with spasm of the muscles of the lide and one or more of the charac tensite signs which have been described by Dal rymple Stellwag Graefe Mobius and W Wilder Weakness of the external ocular muscles which is indicated by the occurrence of Mobius sign is common but ophthalmoplegia and strabismus are unusual Remission of the exophthalmos usually follows the decrease in the basal metabolirate and remission of the other manifestations of the disease which are brought about by thyroidectomy.

Exophthalmos developing or progressing when the basal metabolic rate in the course of exophthalmic goster is within, or even below, the normal level and constitutional symptoms are absent is unusual Zimmerman referred to it as "paradoxical exoplithalmos" As a rule its degree is much greater than that of the exophthalmos associated with an elevated basal metabolic rate. Edema of the lids and chemosis of the conjunctiva are the rule. They may be extreme, and may lead to corneal ulceration and panophthalmitis. The condition has been termed "malignant exophthalmos" This exophthalmos is very likely to be unilateral or to affect the eyes unequally. Ophthalmoplegia is common, but spasm of the muscles of the lids is not marked and, in consequence, the characteristic "stare" of the exophthalmic goiter is little evident

The exophthalmos which occurs with the clevated basal metabolic rate of exoplithalmic goiter may perhaps be explained by spastic contraction of the orbital fibers of Mueller's muscle, which acts against the weakened rectus muscles The absence of my driasis under these conditions may be accounted for by the observation of Labbe and his associates that thyroxin has not only a sympathomimetic action but also stimulates parasympathetic elements of the autonomic nervous system authors, unfortunately, possess no recent reports of examinations of the orbit in this condition information available indicates that there is little fat, little edema, and very little venous congestion, and that the extra-ocular muscles are small and degenerated.

The explanation of the mechanism of the exophthalmos which occurs in patients who have a low basal metabolic rate is not apparent. The evidence from the laboratory suggests that overfunction of the anterior lobe of the pituitary body may play a part in the production of this abnormality. Another possibility is presented by the two-product hypothesis of H. S Plummer, which is based on the assumption that the abnormal product continues to act after the output of the normal product, thyrovin, has been curtailed The edematous contents of the orbit are comparable in some respects to localized subcutaneous areas of mucinous edema which are found in rare cases of exophthalmic goiter, particularly after thyroidectomy. Whatever the mechanism, it is difficult to understand why a few patients develop this paradoxical exophthalmos after subtotal resection of the thyroid gland for exophthalmic gotter when the large majority lose what exophthalmos they had previously and show no sign of its recurrence Further investigation of this problem is under consideration

Kirwan, E. W. O'G: Orbital Teratoma. Brit J Ophth, 1935, 19 201

The author reports a case of orbital teratoma and reviews the twelve cases that have been recorded in

the literature He states that such tumors are congenital and grow very rapidly. They may occur in the form of cystic tumors and may be composed of the derivatives of two or three germinal layers. As a rule, orbital teratomas cause death a few weeks after birth

The best explanation of the formation of teratomas is the Marchand-Bonnet theory that, during the early development of the embryo, the blastomere severed from its connections may remain as a resting germ in any part of the body and begins to grow later or develop at the same time as the normal organs. As blastomeres are still capable of producing a normal body after the first segmentation, but are able to produce only a few parts on continued division, derivatives of all or only some of these embryonic layers are present in a teratoma according to whether it is near or distant from the first cleavage. The earlier the segmentation occurs the less frequently does the germ remain latent

On the basis of their degree of development, Mizuo distinguishes the following four types of orbital teratoma

- r A fetus or teratord fetus attached to the orbit by an umbilical cord
- 2 Parts of the body of a second fetus hanging from the orbit.
- 3 A shapeless mass growing from the orbit and found anatomically to be a teratoma

4 The congenital orbital tumor containing the products of two germinal layers (a mixed tumor). Mixed tumors of the lachry mal gland are of this type

Teratomas sometimes contain parts of organs and parts of the body. Von Hippel states that they never contain complete organs Lesue L. McCoy, M.D.

Bielschowsky, A: Lectures on Motor Anomalies of the Eyes III. Paralyses of the Conjugate Movements of the Eyes. Arch Ophth., 1935, 13 569

Supranuclear lesions result in paralysis of the associated muscle groups of both eyes, except in the case of lesions of the posterior longitudinal bundle or in the immediate neighborhood of the nuclei of the oculomotor nerves. Such a lesion may cause loss of adduction of one internal rectus muscle in lateral movements without affecting its convergence function or may make both elevator muscles of one eye unable to produce a voluntary elevation without disturbing the involuntary elevation noted in Bell's phenomenon. With these exceptions, the diagnosis of a supranuclear lesion is based cluefly on bilateral and equal paralysis of associated muscle groups.

Paralysis of the parallel lateral movements has been studied mainly in patients with lesions of the associated pathways either within or near the pons and the region of the fourth ventricle. In an uncomplicated case of this type neither eye can look beyond the midline toward the affected side, but binocular single vision and convergence are not disturbed. A patient who had had an acute encephalitis involving the pons had a residual associated

paralysis of the parallel roovement to the left, being trable to look to the left or to see an object in the left half of the visual feld. During fraction of an object in front the head was rotated with a sindful left, to the right. The eyes moved to the left to a nearly normal cetter, but simmediately began a slow involuntary return to their original position proving the reflex christer of the motion. The following movement to the left was obtained by the left has obtained by object to the left. This pienother inject or of it object to the left. This pienother half was object to the left. The pienother of the by a vestibular refer action but by an impulse of cortical eneme.

The most frequent of the associated paralyses of the vertical movements involve the elevator muscles the next most frequent are paralyses of the elevator and depressors, and the rarest are paralyses of the depressors. In so he cases Bell's phenomenon is the only proof of the supranuclear origin of pa ralysis of the vertical movements and of the integrity of the nuclei If an associated group of muscles of both eyes to unable to perform a voluntary move ment but reacts promptly when the head is rotated suddenly, the posterior longitudinal bundle which corneys the vestibular stimulus to the oculomotor nucles is intact Barans a tests for a certaining the vestibular excitation are important aids in exactina tion. They can be used in the cases of bedridden or somnofert patients. The vestibular stimulus con tinues for about a minute. The use of the revolving stool or the calone test gives information concerning the vestibular apparatus since as long as the para lyzed muscles respond to vestibular at mulation it may be assumed that the nerves their nuclei and the pathways connecting them with the vertibular apparatus are intact

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either voluntarily or at command, and to move then toward an object which is attracting attention. The following movement and the reflex movements can be produced In this group the lesion is probable below the curtex not far above the nuclear regen. In a third group the paralyzed as ociated muscles react only to reflex sumulation and cating that the lesion must be located close to the nuclei the postnor longitudinal bundle being intact. In a fo -th group the paralyzed muscles do not respond even to a reflex movement and therefore eithe the posterior long-tudmal bundle or the nucles themselves must have been injured. The latter supposition is un tenable in cases of paralysis of the lateral movements if convergence is returned, and in paralysis of vertical movements if Bell's phenomenon is present. In the fifth group of associated paralyses there are in addition to the symptoms of a supranuclear lesion, signs and symptoms indicating ar injury of th nucles such as paralytic squart and diplopia and a variation to the action of the paraly ed muscles according to the mode of stimulation

The syndrome of so called post ency, abit appriximous ms so beserved in diseases of the extra pyrami lad motor system or the corpus striatum, as in paralyses against pseudocleror. Wisons deese and Huntington schores. The patient, apparently unable to move the eyes on command most them sponianeously at times. The full-wing most ment and the refer movements are present but in contrast to the patient with parally and mad portal against the patient with parallyses did not provided the patient with parallyses did not perform the parallyses of mad portal as to one of the patient with parallyses did not perform the parallyses of mad portal as long as has attention is directed to the point or hashion.

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movements which can be performed voluntarily. The fact that if binocular single vision is lost or has never existed, convergence is diminished or absent proves that the fusion faculty is the most essential factor in convergence The voluntary impulse to look at a near point is of only minor importance in convergence Insufficiency of convergence occurs as a true functional neurosis in anemic or delicate persons, in patients convalescing after an exhausting illness, and as a symptom of general neurasthenia or hysteria In conditions of this type convergence cannot be produced by the usual methods, but in several cases has been induced by testing with ohjects which attracted the patient's attention and interest When this occurs pupillary action, accommodation, and convergence may be produced The presence of the adduction power as determined by the use of prisms also helps to differentiate the functional from the organic condition

To prove that the lack of convergence is of organic origin, it is necessary for the following requirements

to be met:

r There must be definite symptoms of an organic intracranial disease

2. The convergence paralysis must have occurred rather suddenly

3 The signs and symptoms at various times must be fairly constant

4 Accommodation and convergence reaction of the pupils must he producible without the corresponding convergence

If internal ophthalmoplegia and convergence paralysis are present, a lesion of the nuclear region and possibly also of the supranuclear pathway descend-

ing from the convergence center is certain

Theoretically, the possibility of the occurrence of divergence paralysis must be conceded. However, in many cases with paralysis of one or both abducens nerves presenting typical symptoms at first, the characteristic symptoms were gradually lost and a concomitant type of deviation developed Other patients have heen seen with apparently typical symptoms which were caused by a slight convergence spasm. It is not unusual to find inability to transform convergence into parallelism in combination with weakness of the convergence innervation This peculiarity is observed especially in neurasthenia, in which condition increased irritability occurs together with marked exhaustion A third anomaly which may he mistaken for divergence paralysis is the development of an esophoria which had heen latent, due to loss of the fusion faculty following physical or psychic shock. In spite of the difficulties in diagnosing a true divergence paralysis, there are records of cases in which the typical manifestations of divergence paralysis changed rather suddenly into equally typical manifestations of abducens nerve paralysis Such a development is proof of an organic lesion localized at first near the intact abducens nucleus but later extending and finally injuring the nucleus itself

EDWARD S PLATT, M D

Marshall, C. R.: Entoptic Phenomena Associated with the Retina. Brit. J. Ophth., 1935, 19: 177

Marshall states that the rods and foveal cones can look backward and observe the retinal pigment and choriocapillary circulation

On rare and chance occasions the retinal pigment may be seen under different and high magnifications

The difficulties of observation and different appearances are attributed to varying positions of the outer segment of the rods and cones, possibly caused by greater or less relaxation of the myoid of the inner segment

The outer segment is regarded as the site of transformation of light energy to nervous excitation

The darting luminous points are attributed to red hlood corpuscles in the capillaries of the inner nuclear layer.

The self-light of the eye is probably associated with energy emanating from the pigment particles of the retina and from the retroretinal circulation

Most unexplained entoptic appearances associated with the retina, except those which may be due to, or influenced by, the mentality, especially the powers of pictorial conception, of the individual, are explained as out-of-focus presentations of normal structures in or adjoining the retina

LESLIE L McCoy, M D.

Arruga, H: The Present Status of the Treatment of Detachment of the Retina. Arch Ophth, 1935, 13 523.

Following a detailed description, with illustrations, of his procedure in the treatment of detachment of the retina, the author draws the following conclusions.

In more than half of the cases of detachment of the retina operative treatment restores vision.

Successful results require the prompt localization and obstruction or isolation of retinal tears

Except in special cases, the choice of operative method is of secondary importance as the same effects can be obtained with the thermocautery and galvanocautery and hy diathermy and trephination. In general, however, diathermy is the method with the greatest advantages Good pre-operative localization and ophthalmoscopic control of the steps of the operative procedure are essential

LESLIE L McCoy, M D

MacDonald, A E., and McKenzie, K. G.: Sympathectomy for Retinitis Pigmentosa. Arch Ophth, 1935, 13 362

The authors have treated four cases of retinitis pigmentosa by cervical sympathectomy. From their experience they conclude that it is necessary to remove part of the first and second risk to ohtain adequate exposure and to insure removal of the stellate ganglion along with the sympathetic fibers which leave the cord hy way of the eighth cervical and first thoracic nerves. In all of their four cases the operation was done on the right side. It was followed by definite regression in one case, no

improvement in one case and slight improvement in two cases. Of the last two cases the improvement was more marked in the patient with the shorter hi tory of retinitis pigmento a

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#### EAR

Thorell I The Treatment of Malignant Tumors of the Middle Ear at Radiumhemmet, Stock holm icla radi. 1, 1935 16 42

After reviewing the literature the author reports on thrietic cases of milipanal tumos of the riddle ear which were treated at Radiumhenmiet. Of nine patients treated for cancer two are still free from symptoms une and seven years respectively after the beginning of the treatment. In one of the latter heeling was obtained by irradiation abone and in the other by combination of electrocognition and salivary gland harmon, were free from recurrent or intervals of about a year at a time. I patient with a dural sarroum remained cured mane years after operation with postoprative tradiation.

#### NECK

De Quervain F The Diagnosis and Treatment of Malignant Struma (fur Diagnose and Therapie der Struma maligna) Bull relice 1 er afg Krels behöft 1934 f 273

The general relationship of makenant to benign gorters cannot be determined as not all cases of gotter are seen by phy mans in the Bern Chaic the ratio of malignant to henigo gotters is 4 too. An early diagnosis of malignancy is favored by 111 the rapid growth of old nodules or rapid appearance of a nodule in moderately enlarged thyroid (2) rapid hardening (this may be produced also by calcification but I ray examination facilitates the differen tial diagnosis) (3) decreased mobility on smallowing and manipulation (4) a nodular surface especially in carcinoma (however absence of nodularity does not exclude struma maliana) (s) radiating pain, damage of the recurrent perse with houseness and paralysis of the sympathetic nerve with the Horner syndrome (6) deterioration of the general health and (7) rapid se imentation of the erythrocytes

Especially to be considered in the differential diagnosis are bemorthagic eyes but it must not be forgotten that ends theirom as often found as the walls of such old cysts. All o to be ruled out are throne strumits tuber-closic strutury sphilation flammation and Riedels strucas. Acute swellings with hardening may occur also in influence.

The best treatment is radical sparation. The technique is the same as third of operation for goater but the small ruiseles are always removed. The pugular vein and the recurrent sympathetic, and vagus nerves can be sacrificed on one side but not the carolid! Whereas formetly the traches and evolpagus were also revected they are now appred.

De Queez am places in the wound 1 or a radium espansies containing from 10 to 20 mgm of redunding filtered by 2 mm of platnaum which are packed no amail price of roubler tubing and supplied with threads for their removal. He leaves there in place for two drys. From art to eight week later actual meapsules containing a total of from 40 to 50 mgm of radium are applied as a distance of 3 mgm of radium are applied as a distance of 3 mgm of radium are applied as a distance of 3 mgm of 10 mgm of 1

loop in suspicious cases De Ouervain a results are presented in a tables. Of 43 patients subjected to radical operation in the period from 1918 to 1931 23 (54 per cent) were still Lising after three years Of 387 patients treated in s choic 132 (34 1 per cent) were living after three years In De Opervain's cases there was a death This was due to pneumonia Among 180 cases ther were 55 of problerating strums 12 of carcinoma 15 of sarcoma to of endothelioms 3 of malignant adenoma and 2 of parastrums. The average length of life after the onset of the condition in these groups was respectively 38 31 0 and 66 years The duration of life after the beginning of the treatment sa progre sive strums carcinoma, sarcons and endothehoma was as follows radical operation with out irradiation 49 49 0 and 47 year , radical operation with irradiation 37 r 7, 0 43 and , 1 years partial operation without stradiation 013 0 o 16 and o 16 years partial operation with irrada tion of to oss and oss years and irradiation sinne 68 633 643 and 6 orr years

Of the patients treated by radical operation 31 per cent are living after three years 31 per cent after two years and 24 per cent after ten tears

De Quervain has given up preliminary romiges irradiation. He believes that 'the results of posorerative uradiation would have been better it less effort had been made to avoid injuring the layorand traches.

Mulvihill D A A Contribution on Malignant Tumors of the Physold (Betting at den borest tigen Geschwacisten der Schildruese) Dentife Tache f Chir 1914 244 77

Comparative studies of the frequency and chiral acter of goate have been numerous. In Exercise 1 acter of goate have been numerous to the second processor of the second for the second fo

goiter, whereas the investigations reported by Staemmler in 1914 and especially those reported by Nussbaum in 1934 from the Pathologico-Anatomical Institute of the Charité demonstrated that Berlin and Brandenburg are not regions in which goiter is infrequent but zones of endemic goiter Moreover, Sauerbruch, who had considerable experience in gotter surgery during the time he was practicing in Zurich and Munich, on several occasions commented on the astomshing frequency of goiter in his Berlin practice In a report from his clinic, Middeldorpf called attention to the fact that in contrast to the operative material in Munich, the operative material in the Charité showed a predominance of unilateral and thyrotoxic goiter. In the nine years from 1918 to 1927, 1,450 cases of goiter were operated upon in Munich, whereas in the first three years of his Berlin practice Sauerbruch operated upon 319 cases The ratio of cases in the 2 cities for the nineyear period may therefore be calculated as 1,450 957

Nearly all statistics regarding the incidence of gotter include malignant struma. They show that, with an increase of gotter, there is an increase also in malignant tumors of the thyroid (Coller, Graham, Erhardt, Wegelin). This is evidenced also in the material of the Pathologico-Anatomical Institute of the Charité. Staemmler reported 13 malignant strumas and Nussbaum 29 Mulvihill concluded that a comparative surgical contribution based on

American conditions would be of interest In Berlin, in the period from 1928 to 1934, there were 155 cases of Basedow's disease and 615 cases of struma, a total of 770 cases of goster Among these there were 32 cases of malignant struma. In the Long Island Hospital, in the period from 1020 to 1932, there were 1,149 cases of Basedow's disease and 1,236 cases of struma, a total of 2,385 cases of goiter Among these there were 29 cases of malignant struma. The numerical difference between the statistics of Sauerbruch and those of the Long Island Hospital was due to the difference in the recognized indications for the operative treatment of benign In Sauerbruch's cases the indications are based chiefly on clinical factors (the position and size of the goster) Diffuse and nodular changes in the thyroid, especially in young persons, are not treated surgically at once In the cases of women. cosmetie factors are also considered in determining the indications for operation Thyrotoxic symptoms are first treated medically In America, indications for operation are recognized much more frequently In the New York clinic operation is performed in nearly all cases of nodular changes in the thyroid, especially those with slight thyrotoxic symptoms which are much more common in America than in Germany. Such cases constitute 30 per cent of the total number of cases of diffuse or nodular strumas in New York Moreover, in America the general practitioner advises operation at the first appearance of thyrotoxic symptoms Leading surgeons such as Plummer, Lahey, Graham, Coller, and Goetseli see in the simple "adenomas" the most fre-

quent source of origin of the "toxic adenoma" and the stage preceding the development of the "malignant adenoma" Practically every toxic or nodular struma developing after the thirtieth year of age is treated surgically Without doubt, the considerable difference in the ages of the patients at the 2 clinics is explained by the difference in the recognized indications for surgery Of the 29 patients with malignant struma who were seen in the New York Clinic, 12 were between the second and fourth decades of life, whereas of the 32 patients with malignant struma who were seen in Sauerbruch's clinic, only 2 were of that age With the exception of 2 patients who were sixteen and twenty-nine years of age respectively, all of Sauerbruch's patients with malignant struma were between forty and seventy-two years old A short history of goiter was given in only some of the cases in both clinics. The brief duration of the symptoms in a large percentage was noteworthy. In the majority a goiter had been present for from two to thirty years. In the latter the period of quick growth of the tumor and the development of symptoms began with a loss of weight.

Because of the earlier recognition of indications for surgery in the New York Chinc, more than half of the malignant strumas were first diagnosed at operation or at microscopic examination of the specimen after operation. The tumors belonged to the group of "malignant adenomas" The greater number of these strumas were entirely unsuspected chincally. Only the minority of the patients with such tumors presented unmistakable signs of a malignant neoplasm when they entered the hospital In Sauerbruch's chinc, where malignant degeneration was proved by histological examination in only 5 cases, most of the patients entered the clinic in an inoperable condition

Differences are shown also by a comparison of the histological findings in the 2 clinics In Sauerbruch's cases most of the neoplasms were carcinomas, whereas in those of Goetsch, the majority were "malignant adenomas" In New York, sarcoma was observed only once, whereas in Berlin, 5 sarcomas, including r carcinosarcoma were discovered Since, in the opinion of American pathologists, papillary adenocarcinomas, metastasizing adenomas, proliferating strumas, carcinoma solidum, and struma colloides maligna, as well as papilloma, are believed to have their origin in an encapsulated adenoma, they are all included under the term "malignant adenoma" The earliest sign of malignant degeneration of the at first benign adenoma is the penetration of otherwise unsuspected epithelium into the blood vessels of the adenoma As American surgeons are of the opinion that 85 per cent of all malignant strumas have their origin in an encapsulated adenoma and only the remaining 15 per cent are to be regarded as scirrhous carcinomas (Billroth), they believe that early operation is indicated. Graham's theory regarding "metastasizing adenoma" and the proliferating struma is supported by the German pathologust, Wegelin, but other developmental possibilities are recognized for extronom, of the extrementation strums of Lamphane caranoma soliding). Saure though the set industrial that extrements always have a relationship to adrinomas. He defends the theory that some of the malignant tumors have no relation to nodular goiter as even the most malignant utmors develop in a short time without the presence of a noteworthy gotter. Moreover, penetration and the blood stream was never found in the Berlin material although local and regional Lymph gland material although local and regional Lymph gland material although local and regional Lymph gland materials although local and regional Lymph gland material entire entering the second of the secon

In conclusion the author urges that in Germany the relationship between adenoms and malignant gotter be avestigated further and an attempt made to prove or disprace the theory of American pathological by successful and of the successful and the s

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Stemart Harrison R and Sarasin R Malignant Disease of the Lary nx and Pharynx J Laryngol & Oloi 1993 50 233 During the last six years cases of malignant disease

of the upper air and food passages and of the buccal cavity have been treated by a technique called the protracted fractional treatment' the principles of which were originally laid down by Coutard. The authors describe this technique and discuss the reactions of the various tissues.

The skin reaction is not a limiting factor and not an indicator for treatment. It is reduced or prevented by the application of red and infrared rays. The reactions of the blood sativary glands blood tessels necessand mancies are but rarely decisive.

factors in the treatment. The reaction of the mucrous membrane is important as an indicator. The reaction of the substrate tissues—connective tissue capillaines muscle nerve bone cartiage—of supreme importance. Damage to the substrate either by the tumor or by the treatment leads to a reduction in the relative sensitivity of the nown infultivating and infected tumors recurrence are incompletely treated tumors begin with a dam of substrate and are resultant to treatment.

The technique must be modified according to the relative ensitivity in the given case. The more re-istant a tumor the slower is its reaction to irradia tion and the longer must the treatment be con tinged The time may vary from twenty to one hundred days. The size of each dose and the total dose are dependent on the time. The time must be varied during the course of the treatment according to the local and general reactions. When a long time and large fields are used the local resctions must be light Accordingly, small individual dose are used Thereby the intenity of the radio epithelitis and the effect on the general condition ! reduced The subjective and objective effects of the radio-epithelitis are greatly relieved by the use of ultra short wave therapy

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## SURGERY OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

# BRAIN AND ITS COVERINGS; CRANIAL NERVES

Marinesco, G., and Goldstein, M: The Cells of a Metastatic Adeno-Epithelioma of the Dura Mater. The Part Played by the Microglia (Quelques considérations sur les eléments constitutifs d'un adéno-épithéliome métastatique de la dure-mère Rôle de la microglie) Ann d'anal path, 1935, 12 101.

Recently the authors had occasion to examine an adeno-epithelioma of the lower surface of the dura mater in a woman fifty-two years of age who had been operated on several years previously for a tumor of the breast. The psychic symptoms caused by the edema of the brain resulting from the malignancy of the tumor had almost completely masked the symptoms of tumor The metastasis had apparently been carried to the dura mater by way of the superior longitudinal sinus. The tumor was surrounded by a connective tissue capsule which divided it into lobules. It was distinctly glandular and showed typical gland structures with acini to such an extent that it looked like a papilloma of the choroid plexus The gland structures alternated with areas without any structure in which the tumor tissue had undergone necrosis and hyalinization

The tumor cells are described in detail and shown by photomicrographs Among them were many infiltrating cells which resembled those formerly called macrophages but when examined with Hortega or Penfield staining appeared to be young Apparently the tumor cells had microglia cells secreted an irritating substance which had caused a reaction on the part of the surrounding tissue, which in turn had brought about an infiltration of the vessels with polynuclears and a necrosis of tissue resulting in an agglomeration of microglia cells, the function of which was to engulf the destroyed tissue and the débris of the tumor itself after it had become necrotic The presence of microglia cells in a tumor which does not contain nerve tissue or glia shows that these cells must have reached the neoplasm by way of the circulation This is a strong argument in favor of the mesodermal origin of microglia cells

The brain substance around the tumor showed dilated blood vessels and small masses of calcareous tissue. Where the fibrous capsule was lacking and the tumor was in direct contact with the brain the latter was infiltrated with the plasma cells which surrounded the acim of the tumor. The malignant tumor had irritated not only its own cells but also the surrounding brain tissue as almost all of the left hemisphere presented a marked edema visible to the naked eye.

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## SPINAL CORD AND ITS COVERINGS

Butler, R. W.: Paraplegia in Pott's Disease, with Special Reference to the Pathology and Etiology. Bril J. Surg., 1035, 22 738

In a survey of Sor cases of Pott's disease, paraplegia was found in 92 (114 per cent) Butler reviewed also 04 other cases of paraplegia with Pott's disease, a total of 186 cases The paraplegia developed with equal frequency under and over the age of sixteen years The lesion occurred in the cervical region in 16 cases, in the thoracic region in 22 cases, in the midthoracic region in 83 cases, in the low thoracic region in 52 cases, at the thoracolumbar junction in 12 cases, and in the lumbar region in 7 case

The cases were of 3 types In those of the first 2 types the paraplegia developed early, while in those of the third type it developed late, sometimes not until many years after the apparent crisis of the disease

In cases of Type 1 the paraplegia usually occurs within the first two years of the disease and is usually complete. It may remain stationary for many months, but patients who recover usually show some improvement after six months. The paraplegia is due to a toxic and vascular reaction in the cord which in many cases is supplemented by compression due to granulation tissue or pus. In the cases reviewed, the causes of the mortality associated particularly with paraplegia of this type (45 per cent) were septic absorption from sores and ascending urinary infection. In 30 per cent of the cause of death

In cases of Type 2 the paraplegia develops early and persists even when the tuberculous infection in the spine becomes completely quiescent. Most persons who develop paraplegia of this type have had inadequate treatment. In the cases reviewed, the incidence of paraplegia of Type 2 was 10 9 per cent. Paraplegia of this type is established because the disease lasts so long before healing occurs and its toxic, vascular, or mechanical effect on the cord is so profound that the damage to the nerve tissue becomes permanent Compression of the cord by bone may result from (1) a pathological dislocation of the spine with pinching of the cord following destruction of the posterior intervertebral joints or the pedicles and articular processes, or (2) the forcing back of loose sequestra or masses of débris with collapse of the other bodies into the vertebral canal

The incidence of paraplegia of Type 3 in the cases reviewed was 49 7 per cent Paraplegia of this type is not always permanent Seventy-one per cent of the patients under sixteen years of age and 52 per

cent of the older patients recovered under conservative treatment. The condition was not commonly due to primary compression of the cord by hone

Tuberculous pachymenergitis often mentioned as a probable cause of paraplegit, was not encountered in the reviewed cales Popper Zoutpages M D

#### SYMPATHETIC NERVES

Anight G G. Sympathectomy in the Treatment of Achalasia of the Cardla Bril J Surg 1955

The author takes that most series of cases of cases of exchasins of the cardia include the following three separate entities with a different path-leggest basic of yagus failure or actulated of the cardia. () apps modic contraction of the cardia of the cardia. Therefore the term 'achilicisa, meaning absence of relatation is used in 183 indices tense to cover the factor common to all three readilities—along the common to all three readilities—along to definite analysis.

The clinical picture of cardiocepasm is well known. The most common site of the obstruction is at the level of the disphragm but in a few cases the distation may be seen to extend as far as the cardier ornifies of the tomach. More rarely the obstruction

may be above the diaphragm

If the obstruction is due to the presence of an intrast, sphuncter the shole lower inch or two of the esophagus must be included in the sphuncteric action in order to account for the variable site of the obstruction. The pre-ence of an anatomical phane ter is extremely difficult to demonstrate, but Shat tock has shown two preparations which exhals a widesprend thickening of the circular muscle extending one to both cophagus and atomach and extending the contract of the company of the contract of the contr

In contrast is the type of condition which strout lites a chalasia in its symptoms and A ray appear ance but differs from the latter in that there is a muscular hypertrophy. Such a condition is obviously not due to inconficiation of the nervous control of the cardia and is comparable to congenital hyper

trophic pyloric stenosis

The author discusses the various theories regard ing for cause of whetheron and reviews respongental, work on the production and relief of cardisspassing the states that as integraty of the sympathetic nerve upply is necessary for the development of obstruction whether the latter is due to wayus failabre or to spain the obstruction should be rehered by sympathetical.

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The various forms of treatment are discussed They suclude dilatat on of the cardia by several means, pla tie operations on the exceptions or card a and short circuiting operations. The had ings of a follow up of sixty six patients treated for the more severe var ety of the condition indirate that the various methods of treatment by dilatation are not completely successful. The period of rebel was apparently proportional to the initial degree of stretching It we lorge t in the cases in which digital dilatation was done I lastic operations have httle to recommend them The most unicemiv suc cessful operation is esophagogastros'omy In the treatment of cardiospasm by sympathectomy a bi lateral cervicothoracic gapghonectomy was recently performed at the Mayol I nic The patient obta ed aymptomatic relief but a bilateral Horner avadrone was produced A preferable procedure is denervation of the left gostne artery The first evidence that this operation affects the human cardia was obtained in a case an which celiar sympathectomy was per formed by Hume in the treatment of gastra ulcer Roentgen examination two years after the operato showed abnormally rapid pas age of the meal through the cardia

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example of hypertrophic stenosis of the cardia, there has been some diminution of the dilatation of the esophagus, but the cardiac obstruction persists As the obstruction in this condition persists after death, it cannot be completely relieved by neu-EDWARD S PLATT, M D. rectomy.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Rupilius, K.: A Contribution on the Common Genesis of Congenital Paralysis of the Diaphragm and Torticollis (Ein Beitrag zur gemeinsamen Genese der angeborenen Zwerchfell-Lachmung und des Schiefhalses) Arch f orthop Chir, 1934, 34.628

The combination of paralysis of the brachial plexus and paralysis of the phrenic nerve was not described until recent decades, when it first became possible to make a positive diagnosis of paralysis of the diaphragm by roentgen examination This condition is rare. In the last decade eight cases have been recorded in the German literature, and in the last few years seven have been reported in other countries. In almost all of the cases the paralysis involved the superior plexus. One patient had also paralysis of the inferior plexus and a fracture of the clavicle Paralysis of the diaphragm is manifested by difficult thoracic breathing, cyanosis, failure of the abdomen to expand on expiration, absence of movement of the affected side of the thorax, and, in the roentgen picture, high position of the diaphragm and paradoxical respiratory movements

Paralysis of the phrenic nerve may be the result of birth trauma Like paralysis of the plexus, it is usually a peripheral birth paralysis and is caused most frequently by extraction in cases of pelvic presentations, partly by pressure of the finger or instruments and partly by tearing in delivery of the shoulders It may be the result also of abnormal pressure exerted within the uterus when, in pelvic

presentation, the head is pressed against the shoulder and the plexus is squeezed between the clavicle and first rib on the one side and the transverse processes of the fifth and sixth cervical vertebræ on the other. For anatomical reasons the nerves springing from the fifth and sixth roots are affected most frequently Other signs of pressure observed more frequently are elevation of the scapula, scoliosis of the cervical

spine, and pressure marks on the ear.

The case reported by Rupilius was that of a firstborn female infant who presented by the breech and was delivered with difficulty by version Shortly after birth, Erb's paralysis of the right arm, shortening of the right sternocleidomastoid muscle, scoliosis of the cervical vertebræ with the convexity toward the left, and a depression behind the right ear were discovered. At first there was only slight cyanosis When the child was three weeks old she had attacks of suffocation when sucking and experienced difficulty in breathing. At the age of six weeks she was admitted to the climic for suspected pneumonia with distinct cyanosis, groaning thoracic respiration, and fever On roentgen examination the diaphragm was found in a pronounced high position on the right side and the heart displaced toward the left Paradoxical movements were observed during respiration, and the large intestine was found to have pushed its way in between the liver and the diaphragm. Later, a triangular shadow appeared in the angle between the heart and the right diaphragm. This was attributed to mediastinal pleursy, but at autopsy performed the thirteenth week after the child's birth it was found to be due to an atelectatic lower lobe of the right lung The plexus and the phrenic nerve were macroscopically unchanged, and no indurations were found in their vicinity. The right sternocleidomastord muscle was embedded in indurated tissue except for a few muscle bundles Rupilius attributes the findings to intra-uterine pressure

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### SURGERY OF THE THORAX

#### CHEST WALL AND BREAST

Cheatle Sir I Schimmelbusch a Disease of the Breast and Dr. A. Incasangue a Experiments on Mice. Rest J. Surg., 1935, 22, 220.

Schimmelbusch's disease with Cheatle's addition begins in a desquamative epithelial hyperplasia sometimes in the ducts only and sometimes in ducts and their acini It may affect only one duct or only one duct and its acmi or may be more widely spread. The affected ducts are chlated by the presence of colostrum like cells in a flind medium The end of this stage is the formation of ducts and acinous cysts. The condition begins late in the third or early in the fourth decade of life and may last an indefinite time or pa s on to its next stage at once

The next stage-the stage described by Schimmel busch-is the development of multiple epithe\_isl neoplastic growths within the cysts. These tumors do not transgress the r dilated normal boundaries They are frequently papillomatous. They may be limited to the ducts or may grow also in the act " This stage is usually reached late in the fourth or early in the afth decade of life. If the process con tinues the next and final stage of carcinoma begans

late in the fifth or early in the nixth decade of lafe Lacassagne injected estrin into the hodies of young male muce of carcinoma strains and of strains apparently free from carcinoma and studied the hreasts microscopically during consecutive stages of the treatment Careful examination of the trisues convinced both Lacas agne and Cheatle that the changes in the newly formed breast to sue are the same in Lind and sequence as those occurring to Schimmelbusch a disease Carcinoma developed earlier in the breasts of the mice of known carrinoma The sections convinced Chertle that effecar Schimmelbusch's di ea e is a distinct disease un related to mazoplasia (so called chronic mastitis)

Cheatle concludes that ovarian extract deprived of it luteal content is not contra indicated in mazo playa It often relieves the symptoms. However it is unwise to administer ovarian residue to women EARL O LATHER M D with cystic breasts

Must Sir R The Pathogenesis of Paget a Disease of the Nipple and Associated Lesions Best J Surg 1935 22 728

The author bases his views on Luget's disease on studies and observations of the lesion extending over many years rather than on the literature. He has come to the conclusion that Paget's disease results from an extension of cancerous proliferation from the ducts of the nipple to the surface of the epidermisan overflow of cancer cells-and subsequent spread upon the surface

To the surgeon the most important factor is the tendency of I aget s disease to be a sociated with or followed by carcinoma in the substance of the breast

Laget not only gave an accurate accourt of the gross appearance of the mpple lesson but also noted that carcinoma frequently followed that lesion and that the site of the careinoma had no relation to the supple Muir believes that the association of these two conditions to due to the fact that both are a sequel to antecedent makenant problemation within the ducts of the gland This proliferation may break through the duct walls and give rise to an ordinary infiltrat ing carcinoms.

The Paget cells in the epidermis are the cha ac tenstic feature of the disease Similar cells are een in the epithelium of the ducts and the auni. The only important difference is that Paget's cells in the epidermis undergo degenerative changes as they pass or are carried toward the surface epithelium of the ducts and acini they remain in a more beaithy and active state. The author therefore defines the Papet rell as a cancer cell growing within a healthy or at least non reopla tic epi thehum

The term intra duct carcinoma ' used by Muir means a malignant prohieration of the duct epi thelium before at his broken through the normal limits the walls of the ducts and inhitrated the sur The epithelial cells invade the rounding tissues latter because they have acquired the essential characteristics of malignant neoplasia. They acquire these before they transgress their normal boundaries The malignant property is present before the infiltra tion occurs and the h stological features of the cells in question correspond whether they are within the

ducts or outside in the tissue spaces

Intraduct carcinoma may be recarded as the final stage of the epithelial hyperplasia often present in chronic breast disease and often associated with vary ing degree of fibrous and rystic change. Transitions from simple papillomatous ingrowths in the ducts to Ultimately the intraduct carcinoma are found ducts may be filled with masses of cells showing all the histological characteristics of carcinoma The is the stage to which the term intraduct circinoma may be applied Such cell may break through the containing duct and in'il rate the tissues producing

ordinary carcinoms of the breast Cells undergoing malignant probleration may extend from the small ducts into the acini and grow within the latter. There may occur what is practically a replacement of the epithelium of the acim by cancerous growth This is called by the author

intra acinous carcinoma Must is convinced that intraduct carcinoma ma) be found in nearly all cases of ordinary breast car cinoma Its distribution varies greatly. It may occur in a localized area and may be associated with fibrous induration and cyst formation. It may occur also in several areas, or involve a large portion of the breast, or affect the ducts of the nipple. It is only when the upper parts of the ducts in the nipple are affected that Paget's disease occurs as a secondary phenomenon.

Intraduct carcinoma is a very chronic condition and may exist many years without breaking through the walls of the ducts. In fact, it may never break through. In some cases the growth may undergo regression and disappear, this process being accompanied by overgrowth of the connective tissue internal to the elastica of the duct wall with some-

times complete obliteration

Malignant proliferation may occur in the ducts of different parts of the breast, may affect considerable areas, and may occur in the ducts of the nipple or of the breast or of both. In spreading, the malignant cells invade the relatively healthy epithelium. When they ultimately reach the epidermis of the nipple the

condition is called Paget's disease

Intraduct carcinoma of the upper portions of the ducts of the nipple is relatively uncommon. Hence Paget's disease is rare. Much more frequent is the occurrence of intraduct carcinoma in the ducts within the breast. The ordinary result is then an inflit trating carcinoma of the breast. As intraduct carcinoma may lead to one or both of these lesions, Paget's disease may precede or follow ordinary breast carcinoma or may develop without the occurrence of the latter.

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## TRACHEA, LUNGS, AND PLEURA

Ziegelman, E. F.: Tracheal Diverticulum Observations on a Cadnver and Results of Histological Study. Arch Otolaryngol, 1935, 21 414

Ziegelman reports an unusual tracheal diverticulum which was discovered in the course of a routine dissection of the lower part of the neck He described an acquired type and a congenital type of tracheal diverticulum. The antecedent factor of the acquired type seems to be infection of the mucous glands of the posterior wall of the trachea. The exciting cause is believed to be an increase in the intratracheal air pressure diverticula may reach a size sufficient to produce clinical symptoms and may constitute the source of pulmonary infection The ideal treatment seems to be surgical removal by amputation or inversion with, if necessary, a change of the patient's occupation JACOR M MORA, M D

Adams, W. E., Hrdina, L., and Dostal, L. E.: Vascular Changes in Experimental Atelectasis. Morphological. Physiological, and Biochemical. J. Thoracie Nurg., 1035, 1–377.

In experiments on animals the authors demonstrated that massive atelectasis of the lung is attended by an apparent increase in the vascularity

of the tissue The latter is a passive congestion rather than an active hyperemia Therfore, the volume flow of blood in atelectatis tissue is decreased.

In chronic atelectatis there is a gradual disintegration of the alveolar walls with the formation of channels leading from the circulating blood stream through the alveoli. The circulating blood reexpands the alveoli and may extend up the air passages into the smaller bronchioles. Such phenomena were first observed near the periphery of the lung parenchyma, around the larger bronchi, and after the atelectasis had been present for about four weeks. The changes slowly increased, but were never observed to replace the usual architecture of atelectatic tissue in all parts of the section

The authors demonstrated a decreased volume flow of blood through an atelectatic lung by injecting the pulmonary arterial system, by determining the oxygen content of the blood, and by bleeding atelectatic and normal lobes of similar size. Oxygen saturation of mixed arterial blood was little influenced by the production of atelectasis of the left lung. This suggests a very low percentage volume flow of blood through the atelectatic lung.

EARL O LATIMER, M D

Stoichitza, N. N., and Cretzu, V.: The Lobar Form of Pulmonary Syphilis (La forme lobaire de la syphilis pulmonaire) Arch méd-chir. de l'appar. respir, 1935, 10 1

The frequency of syphils of the lung is difficult to establish because of the divergence of various statistics. Modern studies owe much to roentgen examination. The lesions can be divided schematically into three types—gumma, fibrosis, and bronchopneumonia

Gummas appear as rounded masses varying in size from that of a pea to that of an orange. On healing or breaking down, the lesions become stellate scars or cavities Gummas are never numerous

and may be single.

Fibrosis may be manifested by stellate scars or sclerotic bands which extend from the hilus or from a sclerotic focus in the parenchyma. In 1929 Gate described a micronodular form which resembles miliary tuberculosis

Syphiltic bronchopneumonia may resemble any of the forms of tuberculous bronchopneumonia

Pulmonary involvement is one of the latest manifestations of syphilis

All of the lesions are observed almost exclusively in middle life

in middle life

Lobar involvement of the lung is extremely rare (Bethoux) The authors report a case, supplementing the history with three roentgenograms. The patient was a man fifty-two years old who had suffered for about six months from dyspnea, a cough with the expectoration of a mucopurulent sputum, and loss of weight and appetite. There was pain in the lower portion of the right side of the chest Physical examination revealed signs of consolidation

in the upper third of the right lung with numerous subcrepitant and bubbling rales. The blood Wavermann reaction was positive. The sputum was negative for tubercle bacilli. The rogatication gram showed a dense homogeneous consolidation of the upper 10-be of the right lung.

After three weeks of ant wybhbut treatment the pottent showed marked improvement and was discharged from the bospita! A roentgrongram made ince morths later disclosed a rather discrete module and numerous fine bands of selerous in the upper lobe. Seven months later only the bands of selero is remained.

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Pruvost Meyer and Livieratos The Treatment of Glant Cavities by Pneumothorus Le traitement de cavernes grantes par le pneumothorus Presse mid Par 1033 43 33.

I rom their experience in ten cases of pulmonary tuberculous the authors conclude that in selected cases carefully induced pneumotherax myes very gratifying results. They report one of their eases in detail with photomic rographs. The patient was a woman twenty right years old. The upper right lobe was almo t completely involved by an enormous tuberculous cavity. The left lung was relatively free from the disease. Succe sive pneumothorax treat ments resulted in gradual collapse of the upper labe and marked diminution in the size of the causty but complete realing was prevented by adhesions between the lung and the chest wall In attempt to section the adhesions with the thoracoscope complete ectioning was impossible because of their width but they were lengthened sufficiently to allow complete obliteration of the cavity by the re induction of pneumothorax shortly afternard Subequently the lung remained completely collapsed NATHAN A WORSEL M D.

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Fruchaud II and Thalheimer M. The Technique of Phrenicectomy with Exposure of the Accessory. Phrenic and Subclavian Nerre (Technique de la phiénicectomie specific hiche is ophénique accessorie et du nerf du sous-claviel). I de ch. 1923 45 315.

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Vallebona, A.: The Roentgenological Picture of Bronehiectasis (Il quadro radiologico delle bronchiectasie) Radiol med, 1935, 22 329

In a brief review of the application of roentgenological methods to the study of bronchiectasis, Vallebona states that recently there has been a tendency to improve simple roentgenological technique and to eliminate the use of a contrast substance (bronchography) for visualization of the bronchial tree

The improvement consists in the adoption of a new method, called stratigraphy, which permits visualization of a given plane and eliminates the superimposition of shadows produced by the various planes of the organ under observation accomplished by imparting a slight rotary motion around a given axis either to the patient or to a ngid system connecting the tube and the film while the roentgenogram is being taken

First the author describes and compares the roentgenograms of the normal bronchial tree obtained with and without the use of iodized oil. He stresses the importance of stratigraphy and its advantages over other methods

In non-complicated cases of bronchiectasis slight dilatation of the medium-sized and small bronchi which usually cannot be demonstrated by ordinary roentgenological methods can be conveniently visualized by bronchography or stratigraphy. As the dilatation becomes more marked, visualization becomes possible by ordinary methods

The most typical picture of non-complicated bronchiectasis is characterized by numerous delicately outlined circles which approach or overlap one another Often, instead of being circular, the units

of this pattern are irregularly faceted.

The picture is that of a polycystic lung. It therefore becomes necessary to differentiate mainly between the following three types of anatomicopathological entities (1) congenital anomalies of the cystic type, (2) congenital or acquired bronchiectasis, and (3) bullous emphysema

The author admits that differentiation between these three types is often difficult, if not impossible, but that in many cases the picture is so typical that

it can be hardly misinterpreted

He next discusses the roentgenological picture of bronchiectasis associated with other morbid conditions and presents some of his own observations and a series of roentgenograms

He reviews the advantages of stratigraphy in the study of bronchiectasis and then describes in detail the findings of bronchography in this condition.

He takes up briefly also the differential diagnosis. stressing particularly the distinguishing features between tuberculous cavitation and bronchiectasis In conclusion he emphasizes the importance of roentgenological examination in the study of the evolution RICHARD E SOMMA of bronchiectasis

Bohrer, J V.: Lobeetomy for Bronchieetasis in Children. J Thoracic Surg., 1935, 4, 352.

The author reviews forty-one cases of lobectomy for bronchiectasis in children, including five of his own The children ranged in age from two and a half to thirteen years The mortality was 34 per cent and practically the same whether the operation was performed in one or two stages

As 50 per cent of adults with bronchiectasis trace the beginning of the disease to childhood, Bohrer believes that lobectomy during childhood will prevent many cases from becoming inoperable

EARL O LATIMEP, M D

Dubrow, J. L.: Congenital Cyst of the Lung. Radiology, 1935, 24 480

Dubrow reviews the literature on congenital cyst of the lung and reports five cases of his own

He states that there are both symptomatic and asymptomatic cysts of the lung The symptomatic cysts are of the following four types (1) those producing symptoms and signs suggesting valvular pneumothoray with the mechanism of obstructive emphysema, (2) cystic degeneration of a whole lung suggesting pulmonary atelectasis, (3) fetal bronchiectasis simulating the acquired form, and (4) congenital retention cysts secondarily infected and associated with acute or subacute pulmonary The asymptomatic cysts are solitary or multiple cysts with an open bronchial connection

These may be discovered accidentally

Dubrow's first case was that of a white man forty-two years old who had a congenital cyst of the right lung and chronic bronchitis of moderate degree The second was that of a negro man fiftythree years old who had a congenital air cyst of the right lung with chronic bronchitis of moderate degree and arterial hypertension. The third was that of a white man forty-two years old in whom an asymptomatic congenital cyst of the lung was discovered in the course of examination for symptoms referred to the genito-urinary tract. The fourth case was that of a man with a congenital asymptomatic cyst of the left lung and chronic pulmonary tuberculosis of the apex of the right lung, and the fifth case that of a white man thirty-eight years old who was suffering from congenital bronchiectasis vith an atelectatic effect. J DANIEL WILLEYS, M.D.

Nicotra, A.: Anatomicoroentgenological Characteristics of Congenital Cystic Lung (Riberi anatomo-radiologici sal polmone cistico congenito) Radicl ned , 1935, 22 238

"Congenital cystic lung" is the common name for a peculiar areolar structure of the lung with the characteristics of a congenital lesion. The term "cystic" is probably incorrect as the air containing spaces are not true cysts. The cavities usually contain air and are in communication with the bronch. Though such a connection is not demonstrated invariably, it must exist as such at filled cavities could not per sort unless air were supplied and replenished con stantly to make up for the a r removed by absorption It is possible that the proper \ ray technique combined with bronchography may demonstrate it Clinically, the diagnosis of such cysts is based

principally on X ray examination although fre quently important clinical symptoms are present There may be asymmetry of the thorax with under development of the thorax on one side and over development on the other. The anteroposterior diameter of the chest is usually abnormal Symptoms of tuberculous are absent. The sputum is constantly negative. In spite of the cavities demonstrated the patient remains in good health

The author reviews the cases recorded in the literature and reports three cases. The X ray find ings in his cases were fairly constant. They showed persistence of pulmonary tissue similar to the fetal structure especially in the apical and subapical regions agenesis of a rich alveolar system with its re placement by a rudimentary system of aerated cavities and agenesis of the ramifying bronchial system in both the direct trunks and collaterals and sta replacement by rudimentary canal like formations free of ramifications. All of these changes seem to indicate retardation of the development of the arbotizations of the broncho alveolar apparatus They may involve an entire lung or only parts of it The organs of the media tinum may or may not be displaced. The author calls the portions of the lung involved respiratory units as he claims they are functioning entities. He states that the congenital cystic lung is not composed simply of pulmonary There is an almost neces any concomitant hypodevelopment of the bronchial tree which is certainly different from the normal Instead of ramifying the straight under developed bronchus postes directly into a cy tic space. The author shows this change by diagrams. Although the changes in the bronchial tree are less evident in the roentgenograms than the cysts because they are masked by the cysts careful study of the chest from many angles allons their identification

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Subpleural cysts and other cysts which have their origin exclusively in the alveolar tissue are usually differentiated with ease A Louis Roy MD

Archibald E. A Consideration of the Dangers of Lobectomy J Thoracic Surg 1935 4 335

The author classifies cases of bronchiectasis into three groups. In Group 1 he places those with clinical symptoms suggesting only an aggravated form of chronic bronchitis with later catarehal in In these cases bounded filling shows a fection evhadrical form of dilatation without evidence of bronchiectatic abscess There is no \ ray evidence of an old unresolved pneumonitis. The nation's suffer only from cough with the expectoration of a considerable amount of sputum which is either mucoid or mucopurulent As a rule they have only one or two spells of Loughing in a period of twenty four hours They never have fever

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hemorrhage.

As empyema of some degree occurs in nearly every case in which lobectomy is done, it is advisable to cause the formation of adhesions of the upper lobe before undertaking the operation. This serves the double purpose of stabilizing the mediastinum and preventing total empyema To reduce the chance of pneumonitis of the other lung the author blocks the main bronchus of the involved lobe with a balloon Before the operation he empties the affected lung as much as possible by postural dramage Adequate drainage prevents death from tension pneumothorax Archibald attempts to prevent the formation of a bronchial fistula by carbolization and the application of silver wire ligatures to the stump

The merits of the one-stage and two-stage lobectomy are discussed at length. The author prefers the one-stage operation except for the more septic cases of Group 3 EARL O LATIMER, M D.

Wangensteen, O. H.: Observations on the Treatment of Empyema, with Special Reference to Drainage and Expansion of the Lung. J Thoracic Surg , 1935, 4 399

The aims of surgery in empyema are the establishment of drainage and re-expansion of the lung

In the establishment of drainage in the presence of a thin exudate, a displaceable mediastinum, or a non-adherent lung, it is necessary to preserve the chest wall intact Needle aspiration or drainage through an intercostal catheter, water-sealed or connected with some other type of closed system, will prevent serious changes in the intrapleural pressure but may not afford adequate drainage Open drainage by rib resection should be reserved for cases in which the exudate may be evacuated when the effects of open pneumothorax will no longer be manifested on the other lung Important desiderata in the establishment of open drainage are a stable mediastinum and a lung adherent to the chest wall that will not be collapsed by the admission of atmospheric pressure to the thorax

Following the establishment of open drainage, re-expansion of the lung and obliteration of the empyema cavity are favored by (1) the contractile force exerted by adhesions which form between the visceral and parietal pleural, where the lung lies closest to the chest wall, (2) the stretching effect of forced inspiration and blowing against resistance upon the exudate or adhesions lying on the visceral pleura which tend to inhibit the expansion of the lung, and (3) the maintenance of subatmospheric JACOB M MORA, M D

pressure

#### HEART AND PERICARDIUM

Schur, M.: Problems of Adhesive Pericarditis (Probleme der adhaesiven Perikarditis) Ergebn d inn Med u Kinderh , 1934, 47 548.

The author reviews the pathological anatomy and physiology and the symptoms of adhesive peri-

carditis on the basis of the literature and his own material of seventeen cases He states that the three chief causes of the condition are tuberculosis, "rheumatism," and septic general infections differentiation of an accretio from a concretio or the differentiation of two varieties (Volhard) he considers impracticable. He believes that the most important causes of the congestive type (ascites precox) are dynamic and mechanical factors leading to extracardial interference with the venous afflux, particularly in the hepatoportal angle, and that interference with the contractions of the heart muscle by the induration is responsible only secondarily. In disagreement with the view held by most surgeons, he believes that even when there are no apparent adhesions to the anterior thoracic wall the condition is essentially a disturbance of systole

Myocardial disturbances may occur as complications of rheumatic conditions or as the sequelæ of constriction of the heart by an adhesive process Hydrothorax associated with the ascites is not indicative of special involvement of the left heart. When it is associated with muscular insufficiency of the right heart it is to be regarded as due to a mechanical disturbance of the outflow from the superior vena cava and the azygos and hemi-azygos veins

In contrast to Volhard's cases, Schur's cases frequently have shown enlargement of the heart, especially when the condition was due to rheumatism The factors determining enlargement of the heart are the condition of the heart before the onset of the pericarditis, the amount of pericarditic exudate, the time at which the exudate becomes organized, and the ability of the heart to react to the systolic disturbance with dilatation. However, the enlargement of the heart is slight in comparison with the severity of the symptoms of circulatory insufficiency Disturbances of rhythm were found in one-third of the author's cases, and the electrocardiogram usually showed very low waves On change of position a change in the electrical axis failed to occur because of the immobility of the heart

Failure of operative liberation of the heart from the adhesions is due to insufficient correction of the extracardial stasis in the vena cava. The theory that irreparable damage is done to the liver is incorrect as this organ possesses an enormous regenerative power and the unsuccessful results of operation are due to mechanical, not toxic, injuries

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Barson, T.: Hiatus Hernias (Ueber Hiatus-Brueche) Oreosképzis, 1934, 24 137

Hiatus hernias are diaphragmatic hernias in which the hernial opening is formed by the csophageal hiatus

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## SURGERY OF THE ABDOMEN

### ABDOMINAL WALL AND PERITONEUM

Salto, M. J.: A Contribution to the Study of Two Rare Varieties of Hernia—Para-Inguinal and Peri-Inguinal Hernia (Contribution à l'étude de deux variétés rares de hernie—la hernie para- et pen-inguinale) Lyon chir, 1935, 32 129

A para-inguinal hernia is a hernia which emerges from the abdomen through a congenital abnormal opening in the vicinity of the inguinal ring and traverses the abdominal wall parallel with, but completely separated from, the inguinal canal A peri-inguinal hernia is a hernia which emerges from the abdomen near the internal inguinal ring and traverses the abdominal musculature independently of the inguinal canal, not necessarily parallel with it and not through a preformed canal. The parainguinal hernia must therefore be regarded as a congenital hernia and the peri-inguinal hernia as a variety of lateral ventral hernia.

Both of these types of hernia are rare, only five cases of the para-inguinal variety and twelve cases of the peri-inguinal variety having been reported in the literature. In several of the recorded cases there was some controversy as to whether the

herma was para-inguinal or peri-inguinal

Following a review of ten of the cases of peringunal herma reported in the literature, the author gives detailed reports of four cases of peringumal herma and one case of paraingumal herma which he treated himself. He draws the following conclusions.

These varieties of inguinal herma are very rare They cannot be diagnosed prior to operation, and their diagnosis at operation requires careful examination. As a rule they are small. Closure of the orifice is usually sufficient, but reconstruction of the inguinal canal is advisable in addition.

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### GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT

Rivers, A. B., and Dry, T. J.: The Differentiation of Benign and Malignant Gastric Ulcers The Unreliability of Diagnostic Criteria. Arch Surg., 1935, 30 702

Gastric ulcer is much more commonly benign than malignant, but there are no infallible signs, except the findings of microscopic investigation, which prove that a given lesion is benign. The authors report case histories demonstrating that practically all signs and symptoms may at times full to indicate the nature of a lesion, and give the reasons why the symptoms of benign and malignant ulcers may be identical.

Because of these facts it appears that unless contra-indications to operation are present, it is

usually safer to treat gastric ulcers surgically and to use non-surgical methods of treatment only when it is possible to keep the patient under close observation for a prolonged period of time.

Bloomfield, A. L.: Early Cancerous Changes in Peptic Ulcer. J Am M. Ass., 1935, 104. 1197.

The discovery that an apparently benign gastric ulcer is malignant is made often enough to justify the most strenuous efforts to avert such a tragedy Most writers on the subject assert or imply that carelessness of the physician is largely responsible; that something could be done early to prevent the late and hopeless cancer stages. It is assumed that careful study of patients with ulcers which appear benign will make it possible to detect early malignant changes and effect a cure by radical surgery. The purpose of this article is to determine the validity of this contention

The most extreme suggestion that has been made is that every one over forty years of age should be subjected to bi-yearly X-ray study of the stomach for the detection of early lesions Practically, however, such a routine is impossible because persons who feel well or have only minor digestive disturbances cannot be persuaded to follow such a plan Moreover, few, if any, radiologists would have the temerity to advise exploration on the strength of dubious X-ray appearances even if they roused considerable suspicion of trouble

A long history of indigestion is supposed to indicate a benign lesion whereas a recent onset of symptoms is supposed to be more characteristic of malignant disease. There is doubtless some truth in this generalization of "the long and short history," but in many ulcer-cancer cases there is a long history of indigestion often with periods of freedom and it is impossible to determine the exact time at which cancer supervenes. The age and sex of the patient are of little help in the solution of this problem Alvarez and McCarty have called attention to the generalization that large ulcers are more likely to be malignant than small ones. However, there are so many exceptions that in the individual case it is unwise to base the treatment on such dicta.

The study of gastric secretion supports the view that there are two types of cancers of the stomach which differ in their pathogenesis (1) cancers arising in stomachs the site of chronic gastritis with anacidity, and (2) cancers arising in peptic ulcer. The former is the usual variety, constituting from two-thirds to three-fourths of the total number. In the diagnosis of cancer ex ulcere the most important factor is the presence of acid.

The author reviews ninety-two cases of cancer of the stomach showing that the two types of cancer

can be differentiated with considerable certainty on the basis of the presence or sheence of free send in the risting secretion. He emphasizes however, that studies of jasting secretion flat to help in the solution of the practical problem of deciding when a beingo lifer becomes malignent since the nadvalues zernary unchanged or are only slightly deceased when malignanely develops.

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#### Sworn B R and Menton, J Adenoma of the Duodenum Fril J Surf 1935 22 657

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When the associated lesson is a popule siler radical removal of the ulcer and tumor is advisable. There is no entrode case of the development of manys are in a sample duodenal jumor. When the lesson is polypoid train duo lensi testrition should be sufficient. In the case of a set tumor of a tumor in which the possibility of carrimona of set ons in which the possibility of carrimona of set ons cannot be excluded, the duodenum should be resected and an end-to-end anastomosis performed The article is followed by an extensive bibliog-

raphy Arthur S W Touroff, M D

Raiford, T. S: Careinomas of the Large Bowel
I The Colon. II The Rectum. Ann Surg,
1935, 101 863, 1042

This article summarizes the data obtained in a study of the 192 cases of cancer of the colon and 319 cases of cancer of the rectum that have been admitted to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, since 1889. The growths were found most frequently in the descending and sigmoid colon, nearly as frequently in the ceeum, and much less frequently in the transverse colon and the flexures. Male patients outnumbered female patients by a little more than 2 to 1. None of the patients was in the first decade of life and only 2 were in the second decade.

Tumors of the transverse colon showed a surprising tendency to invade the stomach Such invasion

had occurred in fully half of the cases

Metastasis to the liver from cecal tumors was comparatively rare, but such metastasis from tumors of the transverse and descending colon was common Involvement of the skeletal system was rare

In cases of tumor of the right colon surgery offers an excellent chance for cure even when the diagnosis is made late. The operative technique for growths in the right colon is well standardized. Simple resection with a good margin of normal bowel followed by end-to-end, lateral, or end-to-side anastomosis is the easiest procedure, but has the disadvantages of occasional incomplete removal and necessitating anastomosis in thin-walled gut where the blood supply is not abundant. Resection of the entire right colon, while free from these disadvantages, is a more serious procedure Division of the ileum from 20 to 30 em above the ileocecal valve with wide dissection of the ascending and proximal transverse eolon has been found most practicable. Ileostomy some distance above the anastomosis is of great value to prevent undue tension on the suture line.

The operative procedures employed for eancer of the hepatic flexure could not be evaluated as the

number of cases was too small

The surgical procedures used most frequently for the removal of growths in the transverse colon were simple resection and right colectomy. When adequate mobilization was obtained the lateral isoperistaltic method of anastomosis gave excellent results. End-to-end anastomosis when approximation was difficult proved relatively safe from the standpoint of immediate mortality, but was followed by a high incidence of recurrence.

In 3 of the 4 cases of earcinoma of the splenic flexure in which extripation was possible, a simple r-stage resection was performed End-to-end anistomosis was done in 2 cases and lateral anistomosis in 1 case. The Mikulicz operation is also adapted to resection of this part of the bowel, but its use must be limited to cases in which the tumor

with its adjacent bowel can be withdrawn through the abdominal incision It has the advantage that it may be performed in 3 stages—2 of which can be performed under local anesthesia—to lower the risk

of postoperative shock

The operative treatment of cancer of the descending and sigmoid colon was influenced by the location and accessibility of the growth. When the cancer was high in the descending colon, simple resection with end-to-end or lateral anastomosis was performed most frequently. The results of the Parker-Kerr aseptic anastomosis were not favorable. Too often, in this procedure, the more important factors of mobilization and preservation of the blood supply are neglected for strict asepsis. In the cases reviewed, more satisfactory results were obtained by the open end-to-end union

In the entire series of cases the operative mortality was greater following lateral union than following end-to-end umon This fact was attributed largely to leakage from the blind ends Recurrence of the growth was more than twice as frequent after endto-end anastomosis than after lateral anastomosis This is attributed to the fact that large invasive growths necessitate wide resection which renders approximation for lateral union difficult and therefore renders end-to-end anastomosis obligatory. In the cases reviewed the advantages of preliminary colostomy were outweighed by a mortality of 44 per cent In cases of advanced disease appendicostomy and ileostomy are not justified unless the obstruction is acute In operable cases such palliative operations should be performed only if the surgeon believes they will have a favorable effect on the postoperative course.

Irradiation has been used in the treatment of eancer of the bowel so rarely that it was impossible to determine its value. However, it has relieved the symptoms and prolonged life in hopelessly inoperable cases and has reduced large adherent tumors.

to an operable stage

In the reviewed cases of cancer of the rectum in which the growth was high enough to be mobilized through an abdominal incision, the cancer was re-

moved by abdominal resection

The combined abdominoperineal resection of rectal cancer has the disadvantage of necessitating a permanent colostomy. The wide perineal defect is slow to heal as primary closure is impossible. Radical resection is followed by a higher mortality than less radical procedures, but is more efficient from the standpoint of ultimate cure. In the cases reviewed the ratio of patients presumably well after the restage operation to those presumably well after the z-stage operation for similar tumors was about 3 r. The 2-stage operation was less satisfactory also because of a slightly higher operative mortality.

Sacral resection is not always possible with preservation of the sphincters and a low mortality. When, in the reviewed cases, a sacral anus resulted, it was far less satisfactory than an inguinal eolostomy. In the majority of the eases sphincter control was

unsatisfactory. Abdominal exploration was impossible. In a few cases the sacral operation was performed with satisfactory results for the palliative removal of hopeles to moperable growths. In a few in which it was performed after previous exploration of the abdomen the patients lived for several years with normal bowel function.

Few growths located in the lower rectum and amise could be removed by the penquel route. The operations performed for cancers at these siess were more less mediactions of the Whitehead method. The disadvantages of the permeal operation are unmitar to those of the sacral method. Sphincier control is reblom satisfactory, permetal glands are not always to one of the abdommal cavity in offered for exploration of the abdommal cavity.

Fifty three per cent of the patients entering the hospital with coreinoms of the rectum were knoper able Of those subjected to resection 212 per cent died from the effects of the operation Of those surviving the operation 60 per cent died of recurrence and 301 per cent were presumably cured

In many cases of carcinoma of the rectum the symptoms can be alleviated by stradiation. This is true particularly in cases of epithehoma of the anus lossoft is Visty M D.

Haggard W D Appendicitis im J Surg 1935

This report is based on 1 x44 operations for appendicitis and its complications. The mortality was 3 30 per cent In 1 oco cases of acute waruntured, subscute, recurrent and chromic appendicates there were sa deaths a mortality of a 22 per cent In 672 cases the condit on was acute and in 185 the operation was performed in the first twenty four hour One hundred and thirteen operations were performed for chronic appendicutes. In 2,0 cases with supture and a more or less localized abscess there were 19 deaths a mortality of 5 per cent. The average duration of the symptoms was five and one third days In 186 cases of generalized spreading pentionitis vith gangrene and perforation there were 46 deaths, a mortality of 47 per cent. In these, the average period before operation was two and one fourth days. In 14 the pre operative period was more than three and a half days and in I case of secondary peritority from a partially walled off absce.s if was seventeen days

The annual number of deaths from appendix his in the United States is estimated at 20 000. The mortality from acute appendictits is highest in Nashville, Tennessee Suit Laie tirty Lish and Cak Iar). Illinois Of 1 7 cities it was lowest in Altonia. Penn Ivania, where it was 23 per cent. The high mortality in Nashville is due to purgation and delay of houstlabation.

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greater appreciation on the part of the public of fast danger of appen therite settension of ho path of the ties and great improvement in transportation service. To reduce the mortivity it is necessary to operate in the early hours of the disease even when the attack is retracted as midd I florits should be the attack in translation and it is not should be the attack in translation and in the should be abdominal path. The part of the path of the path of the attack is referred to a roof purgation in cases of abdominal path.

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Seifert E. A I essew of Statistics on Appendicitis for Two Decades (Leberscht weber 2 Jahrzebase einheitscher Appendicitischeit: Des webe Lieb f Chis 1934 44 2 5

The statistics reviewed by the author alove the inf 350 appendictomes performed during the year 1917 to 1920 inclusive the mortal by 48,68 pc cent whe her a 796 appendictionise performed during the versa 1922 to 1931, inclusive it was 1982 pp year to the improvement was due principle by the exther record to medical aid. In the smooth decade 4,4 per cent of the patients were alumned to the hospital during the first two days of the discussive which is the first decade most of them with the state of the discusse, while in the first decade most of them were

admitted on the third day

The increase in the incidence of appendiths his not occurred paly in Germany in Sweden as reported by Aystrim as well as in liver burg the results of treatment have become less terorable during the past few years. While in Upsala the change has been noted especially in the rates of ch ldren and aged persons Seifert has been unable to confirm the observation in his material He hads that the results of the treatment of abstract at considerably poorer. In 1930 the mortality in cases of ab-cess was increased 3 fold (10 per cert). B res the years 1037 to 1035 inclusive the deaths I on abscess again increased while the total mostal. showed a decrease due to the successful treatment of perstonities. A careful review of the fatal cases less the author to contlude that the treatment of appea diceal abscess is extremely difficult and should never be undertaken by inexperienced surgrous. As in none of the fatal ca es was operation delayed untithe tumor had disappeared the clinic has es ablished a rule that in rases in which the abscess is unques tionably localised the fever is moderate the paints slight and the general condition and houel activity are good the treatment must be conservative Caxes in which the pain and lever persist in spite of ros servative management for from two to three days are operated upon a thout removing the appendix care bring taken to protect the free peritoneal car sty in order to prevent general perstonitie

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Salvin A A The Surgical Treatment of Rectal

The author lescribes the anatomical selations of the rection and discusse the etiology of prolapse He states that while it would seem impossible for the normally placed and supported rectum to prolapse, there is evidence that prolonged wasting diseases may reduce the size and power of the fascial supports and render them functionally inefficient. The constitutional weakness of infancy and of old age enfeebles the rectal muscles just as it enfeebles the muscles in other parts of the body. It is more probable, however, that rectal prolapse is due to a congenital insufficiency. With otherwise favorable conditions, an extra long mesorectum or mesosigmoid would certainly tend to permit such prolapse. The abnormal depth of the cul-de-sac of Douglas prevents the abrupt angulation of the rectum, rendering it subject to undue overhead weight and pressure. This is thought by many to contribute to prolapse. Among the exciting causes of prolapse, the author cites constipation with its attendant straining at stool Less frequent exciting factors may be strains from heavy lifting, rectal stricture, and rectal newgrowths such as polyps

The operative methods used both in the past and at present to correct rectal prolapse are reviewed. They are of five types, namely those which reduce the size of the anal opening and the lower end of the rectal tube itself, those strengthening the natural supports of the rectum, those directed especially toward the natural fixation apparatus of the rectum, those excising the prolapsed portion of the reetum, and those obliterating the cul-de-sac of

Douglas The author reports a case of prolapse of the rectum in a woman fifty-eight years old who had been operated on twice unsuccessfully. At the third operation the author entered the abdomen through a left paramedian incision extending from the symphysis pubis to the level of the umbilicus. The uterus was elevated and fixed to the anterior abdominal wall. The recto-uterine peritoneal reflection was incised transversely, and two lateral longitudinal incisions were made through the rectal serosa into the mesorectum. The rectum was dissected from the vaginal septum and from the sacrum excavation, and its permeal and sacral flexures were mobilized rectum was attached to the left lateral posterior aspect of the ventrofixed uterus and to the anterior abdominal wall with linen sutures The successful result of the operation was still maintained after a period of two and a half years

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Gordon-Watson, Sir C, and Dodd, H.: Observations on Fistula in Ano in Relation to the Perianal Intramuscular Glands: With Reports on Three Cases. Bril J Surg, 1935, 22 703

The perianal intramuscular glands are lined with transitional epithelium from the epithelium of the anal canal at the anorectal junction. The structure of the glands is that of either convoluted mucous glands or sweat glands. The glands grow outward into loose tissue within the internal sphincter and into the limiting annulus of connective tissue which separates the internal sphincter above from the

external sphincter below. Before the muscularis mucosæ is developed the glands may arrive at and penetrate the internal sphincter and the external longitudinal coat and in some cases may spread to the superficial surface of the levator ani and the ischiorectal fossa, to the true pelvis, or into the substance of the levator ani muscle

The authors believe that as a rule these glands lose connection with the anal canal, but that, in some instances, as first pointed out by Hermann and Desfosses, the duct remains patent and they become infected from the anal canal. An abscess in one of these glands might easily lead to the formation of a perianal or ischiorectal abscess and subsequent fistula. The development of a pelvirectal abscess and fistula may be due to an infection of one of these glands that has penetrated to the deep surface of the levator ani muscle.

The presence of these deep glands makes it important to search for a rectal opening when dealing with a supposed blind external fistula. When such a tract is overlooked the fistula will not be cured

The authors believe that frequently these glands are not identified in the surgical removal of a chronic fistula because the tracts are not examined histologically or their histological identification is impossible because the condition has become chronic and the epithelium has been replaced by granulation tissue

The authors report three cases in which an anal fistula was proved by histological examination to have had its origin in an infection of the perianal and intramuscular glands EARLO LATTUER, M.D.

## LIVER, GALL BLADDER, PANCREAS, AND SPLEEN

Brochner-Mortensen, K.: The Bilirubin-Capacity Test as a Test of Liver Function (Ueber Bilirubinbelastung als Leberfunktionsprobe) Acta med. Scand, 1935, 85 1

Fo determine the amount of bilirubin in the blood serum the author used the photometric method recommended by Heilmeyer After the subject had fasted for fourteen hours a specimen of blood was taken and 50 gm of bilirubin dissolved in a 5 per cent solution of sodium carbonate at 80 degrees C. were injected. Three minutes after the injection another specimen of blood was withdrawn, and three hours later a final specimen was obtained. The amount of bilirubin excreted during the three-hour period was computed by taking the difference between the bilirubin content of the first and third specimens and expressing it in percentage of the difference between Specimens 1 and 2.

Preliminary tests showed that the bilirubin content of the plasma and serum is the same, that the upper limit of the normal in the serum is 1 mgm per 100 c cm, and that the amount is not constant even in normal persons as it usually increases with fasting and decreases with the prossion of food

and decreases with the ingestion of food

Tests were made on twenty-five normal persons, twenty-eight patients with a pathological condition of the her and thirteen patients in whom a patho-

logical condition of the liver was merely suspected When the bibrubin test was compared with the galactose test the bromsulphalem test and deter mination of the content of quinine resisting lipage in the blood it was found to be apparently somewhat more delicate than the others and a satisfactory test for liver function. It is not applicable in cases of scterus with bilirubinuma Jone W BREWEN M D

?Hocchi E Studies of the Secretion of Bile in Cases of Drainage of the Billary Tract (Ri erche sul'a secrezione della bile nel drenargia de le sie bihati) Arch tial decker, 1933 39 391

Following a discussion of the normal and patho logical physiology of bite Zilocchi analyzes the comtrusition and quantity of bile as affected by various physiological and pathological processes and then reports a tudy he made of the bale secretion of seven nationts. In all of the latter the hile was deviated out of the intestine. One of the patients had angrocholitis with empyema of the gall bladder one, hepatogenie jaundice two cholecystitis with stone and three on traction of the bile passages by a stone in the bile duct. All had had various operations for bile drainage. In four the drainage was total and in three partial The author collected the bile according to the method described by Berard and Mallet Guy He then determined its quantity phis ical characteristics content of mucus content of bile pigment and in five cases its daily content of cholesterin. The clinical operative and laboratory findings to each case are reported in detail. The general fundings and the author's conclusions are summarized as follows

s In the immediate postoperative period the bile secreted was very dask. It remained that color for five or six days. There then began a period of transition during which the characteristics of the

bile gradually became more stable . In the second period the period of transition began the first variations in the daily secretion These were slight in the cases of total derivation and more marked in those of partial derivation. They become progressively more marked as the bile assumed the

characteristics of normal bile

3 During the third period in cases of total deriva tion the bile secreted at night was somewhat more concentrated than the bile secreted during the day which should the characteristics of true bile the cases of partial derivation the bile ecreted dur ing the night had the character of bihars secretion while that secreted during the day was a clear fluid with the annearance of gall bladder secretion

4 In the cases in which the determination could be made most accurately the quantity of bile secreted in twenty four hours varied from 400 to 50 c cm in all of the cases the quantity of bile secrete ! on the first day was less than that secreted on the succeeding days a fact which must be attributed to the action of the anesthetic on the bver The hourly variations in the quantity of biliary secretion showe? no appreciable rhythm. The maximum and the minimum amounts were found either during the day or during the meht

s Investigation of the quantity of mucus in the bile showed very constant results. Determinations made under the most diverse conditions in the bile secreted during the first and subsequent days in bile remove t by puncture of the gall bladder and 11 the secretion obtained by partial drainage showed that the quantity varied from 2 to 4 per cent. This observation supports the theory of Laulwehr that the greater density of the gall bladder bile is due to the presence of a pseudo-mucin which is not precipitated by acetic acid. Only in some cases in the immediate po toperative period was there found a quantity of mucus greater than the normal some times amounting to 20 per cent. This was believed to be due to an inflammatory condition of the biliam tract

6 The quantitative variations in the bile pig ments corresponded to the variations in the color of the bile. In the immediate postoperative period the quantity of these pigments vis high especially during the first day, a fact due to the reduction in the secretion of bile and its consequent relative con centratson in the firt twenty four hours. On the second day it rapidly decreased Nevertheless it s ill remained high for five or us days. At the end of that time there began a new decrease, correspond tng to the period of transition, which ferminated in minimal values. The considerable increase in the pixments in the immediate postoperative period depends upon (a) the increase in their formation due to the resorption of extravasated blood and the bemoly is caused by the anesthetic (b) the anes their steelf which acts in two ways decreasing the ecretion of water and thereby causing a relative increase in concentration and decreasing the elimi nation of p gments by the liver cells (c) the chimina tion of pigments from the body in cases with jaundice, (d) the state of relative dehydration in the immediate postoperative period and (e) the functional condition of the liver. In the period of trans tion there becan hourly variations in the secretion of bigments which persisted until the character of the bile became stable. In the cases of total derivation the variations were slight and consisted in an in spease of the pigments during the night and a decrease dumpy the day. In cases of partial derivation they were fundamentally the same but much more marked because in the secretion occurring during the fay the pigments were very scarce some times not measurable. These undings are explained by the artion of the sphincter of Odds which when closed caused the escape of hie from the drain and when open permitted its entrance into the intestine

As regards the elimination of cholesterin the results obtained did not agree in the different cases In two cases an increase in the cholesteria content of the bile was found in one a decrease and in two a normal quantity. The findings seemed to show that neither the ange tion of food nor starvation has an influence upon it since, during starvation continued for several days after operation, a decrease was found in only one instance. Moreover, the fact that the cholesterin in the blood was increased in these cases suggested that cholesterin is not formed in the liver but is merely eliminated by it. The hourly variations in the cholesterin had no relation to the ingestion of food or fasting.

8 The observations made in the immediate postoperative period are indicative of a general disturbance of the secretory function of the liver due to the

operation and the anesthetic

o This period was followed by a longer period of varying duration during which the hepatobihary function was gradually re-established. In some cases it became entirely or nearly normal, whereas in others the improvement did not progress beyond a certain limit Eugene T. Leppy, MD

Stevenin, H, Bergeret, A., Albot, G., and Lelourdy, J.: Reticulosarcoma of the Spleen (Le réticulosarcome de la rate) Presse méd, Par, 1935, 43 382.

The authors state that reticulos areoma of the spleen is rare. In the case they report, that of a man twenty-six years of age, the patient had noted loss of weight, weakness, and vague abdominal pains for a month before he entered the hospital. On examination, the spleen was found definitely enlarged and slightly tender. While the patient was

under observation in the hospital it increased in size rapidly. Splenectomy was followed by death in shock.

On section, the spleen appeared red or violet and presented numerous scattered tumor nodules and areas of necrosis of considerable size. Where their structure was well preserved, the tumor nodules showed numerous nuclei în a syncytial protoplasmic mass rather than a definite cellular structure Most of the nuclei were regular and round or slightly elongated, and presented fine ehromatin. Mitoses were numerous. The connective tissue of the tumor was particularly interesting. Staining by the Masson and Mallory methods showed no collaginous tissue in either the hyperplastic splenic tissue or the tumor nodules, whereas the method of Bielschowsky disclosed a very abundant reticulum, the fibers of which were large and regularly arranged in the splenic tissue, but in the tumor were more irregular, winding around between the nuclei. This structure of nuclei in a syncytium with the appearance of a "culture of nuclei" in a reticular connective tissue is characteristic also of undifferentiated reticulosarcoma in the bone marrow and lymph glands

A splenic tumor with very similar histological characteristics which occurred in a child three years old was reported by Sabraz's and Dupérié in 1929. This was the only other apparently true reticulosarcoma of the spleen that the authors were able to find in the hterature.

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### GYNECOLOGY

UTERUS

Labry R and Villar J The Therapeutic Indica tions and Jechnique in Chronic Cereletta (Indications et techniques thérapeutiques des cervicites chroniques) Gynte n'obit 1994 31 197

From the etiological, cinneal and anatomical standpoints, there are many forms of chronic cerviculus attandpoints, there are many forms of chronic cerviculus. They may be accompined by only, very sight functional disturbances or by pain and focal complications affecting the general health. Chronic cerviculus as most persistent affection. Especially persistent is genorrhead endocervicities. The principal sequelies to be considered are tentity and neopla tic depreciation. Fire diagnoss of chronic cervicities any be difficult. Among, other conditions, versus any be difficult. Among, other conditions, oversits any be difficult in a first part of the cervicities of the cervi

The multiplicity of the methods used in the treatment of chronic cervicits indicates the inefficacy of many of them. However good results are obtainable with some. In discussing the narious methods the authors group them as follows:

1 Simple gynecological procedures

2 Methods aiming at destruction of the cervical mucosa (themical and physiotherapeutic procedures) Among the e the use of filhos causti, and disthermorous gulation ment special attention because of their wide pread use at the prisent time.

3 Surgical methods Before the choice of treatment is made it is necessary to determine the cause of the condition by carefully questioning the patient and her husband and to determine the anatomical and clinical type of the lesson by generological examination.

of the resion by ghe-woogcal examinations are the cure of gonorrhes before marriage distribution to the cure of gonorrhes before marriage distribution to the cervic (but above of doubles the use of traumatians, caronias transcurers to induce above tool) and space sendur report of obstituted laboration) and space sendur report of obstituted laborations of the cervic after deliver. If the risk of later complications is to be avoided chronic curvatis must be treated even if it can ee no symptoms or disturbance of the general health. When admexal or uterus lessons complicate the picture they may necessitate special therapents, mera uns sure they may necessitate special therapents, mera uns sure and the contraction of the contraction of the contractions of the

When chrosic cervicits is the sole lesson the choice of treatment should be based upon the aux tomical and chincal form of the condition

Chronic cervicitis a sociated with obstetrical lac erations of the cervix may be relieved by simple gynecological treatment or trachelorrhaphy

Mild superficial chronic cervatus recently acquired is benefited by sample generological procedures, cauterization and disthermy

Despite its appearance exocervicits with hypertrophy of the cerviced hips and a patent on is not the most serious type. Simple, spreedogical treat ment, gala anocusterization or aspiration may herre about cure. Cure is obtained most quelly, however by the u.e of Filho, causta and diathermo congulation.

Endocervictus, particularly that of the gonorrheal type is alkays extremely resistant to treatment Busingical methods and local applications give only temporary relief. The most is full procedures are duthermocoagulation and intracervical irrigations followed it not entirely successful by one application of J filbo causing.

Very old lessons with tumor formation justify surgical removal of the cervix. In surprious cases in older women total hysterectomy or radium ther

aps may be indicated
Inflammation of the cervical stump after subtotal
historectomy should be treated by surgical amputa

ity of their ailment

tion or electrocoagulation.

The general condition should also be considered as women with chronic cervicitis are usually externely nervous and anxious becaute of the chronic

HAROLD C MACK M D

Mondor Lamy and Leroy Infarction and Gan grene of the Uterus (Infarctus et gangrène de l'utérus! Presse mid Par 1935 43 37

Infarction of the uterus due to the intra uterine injection of soap solution to produce abortion was first described in rozz von Geppert and Wemmer each reporting a case. Since that date about fifteen cases have been recorded. In the case reported by the authors the patient entered the hospital with abdomiral symptoms several days after the attempt to induce abortion. At the time of her admis ion her order was hvid the pulse was weak and very rapid and the abdomen was cyanotic and presented some muscular madity Agenci examination which was difficult disclosed enlargement of the utitus and marked tenderness in the pouch of Douglas. At operation a small amount of blood was found in the personnal cavity and a large amount of friid brown fluid in the pelvis. The uterus was enlarged and presented infarction and a small perforation. The tubes also haved infarction Total bys rectomy was done but the patient died within twenty four

In reviewing the reported cases of this type the authors found that the third symptoms are pallor with more or less cyanious arrively superficial respiration and a weak and rapid pulse. There is little or no feet: It some cases each motificates on the abdomen or thighs have been noted. Abdominal rapidition reviews some miscular ragidity and mirked.

tenderness, especially in the region of the uterus, which is enlarged Vaginal evamination discloses enlargement of the uterus out of proportion to the stage of the pregnancy, and tenderness. Anuria develops before death An exact diagnosis is difficult. In most cases a diagnosis of postabortive peritornitis has been made. However, when more of these cases are recognized, the correct diagnosis may be suggested by the history and the symptoms. If operation is done, the diagnosis of infarction is indicated by the appearance of the uterus and adnexa and is confirmed by pathological examination.

The authors believe that the infarction is due primarily to the toxic or necrosing action of the soap solution. They state that secondary infection often complicates the clinical and pathological picture.

ALICE M. MUYFRS

Clason, S.: Myoma of the Uterus Before the Twentieth Year of Age (Uterusmy om bei Jugenlichen unter 20 Jahren) Acta obst et gynec. Scand, 1935, 15 39

Clason reports in detail a case of myoma of the uterus in a girl sixteen years old. In a review of the literature he found that myoma of the uterus occurs before the age of twenty years in only i of 1,000 cases. He believes that the pycnic constitution may favor the formation of uterine myomas.

Nilsson, F.: The Prognosis and Treatment of Adenocarcinoma of the Cervix (Prognose und Behandlung der Kollumadenokarzinome) .1cta radiol, 1935, 16 217

The prognosis and therapy of primary adenocarcinoma of the cervix are discussed on the basis of eighty cases treated at Radiumhemmet in the period from 1916 to 1932 inclusive

The prognosis is possibly somewhat more unfavorable than in squamous-cell carcinoma of the cervix. Adenocarcinoma growing exophytically, although more frequently operable, has a more unfavorable prognosis than other types of adenocarcinoma both as regards primary healing and five-year cure, and shows a relatively higher incidence of subsequent metastasis

An analysis of the anatomical spread and the prognosis of cervical adenocarcinoma in the author's cases indicates that the treatment should be irradiation except in the exophytic form in which hysterectomy may possibly be more effective

Richardson, E. H.: Hysterectomy for Carcinoma of the Corpus Uters. Am J Surg., 1035, 27: 408

It is generally agreed that surgical ablation of the utcrus, tubes, and ovaries is the preferred treatment for cancer of the body of the utcrus. After years of study, the author devised a technique for abdominal complete hysterectomy which he has found eminently satisfactory. It tends to cause a marked reduction of the postoperative morbidity and mortality by chiminating excessive loss of blood, extensive mechanical insult to the tissues, and prolonged

operative manipulation. It is sound from both the anatomical and the surgical point of view, relatively simple and easy to carry out, and it can be performed in less time than is required for most panhysterectomies.

After mobilization of the bladder, separation of the pubocervical fascia, and division of the uterine vessels, all clamps are applied mesial to the proximal stumps of the uterine vessels. Thereby, the ureters are permitted to drop and to fall farther and farther away from the site of probable mechanical injury.

A carefully executed dissection which segregates the rich vascular network surrounding the lower cervix into a narrow zone adjacent to the broad ligaments prevents hemorrhage and troublesome oozing in this region.

The basal portions of the broad ligaments together with the uterosacral ligaments are sutured into the vagina as a safeguard against subsequent prolapse of the vaginal vault.

The details of the procedure are shown in illustrations by Broedel George H Gardner, M D

## ADNEXAL AND PERIUTERINE CONDITIONS

Gardiner, S. S: Actinomycosis of the Fallopian Tubes, with the Report of a Case. Australian & New Zealand J Surg., 1935, 4 279

During his twenty years of practice in Australia, the author has observed forty-six cases of actinomycosis in man. Twenty-nine of the patients were males and seventeen were females. The youngest was two and the oldest seventy-seven years of age. In twenty-six the infection was located in the cervicofacial region, and in nine the cutaneous and subcutaneous tissues were involved. In four, the infection was confined to the chest, in four, to the abdominal organs (exclusive of the genitalia), and in two, to the urinary tract. In one case, which is reported in this article, the intra-abdominal involvement was limited to the fallopian tubes.

In a review of the world literature the author found seventy-six cases of actinomycosis of the female genital organs. The ovaries were infected in fifty, but in only nine of the latter was there definite tubal infection. The ovaries are usually collarged, sometimes to the size of a goose egg. They become adherent to adjacent structures and on section are found to be honeycombed with abscess pockets filled with varicolored pus. Only the presence of colonies of actinomyces in the pus or in sections of the ovary permits a definite diagnosis of actinomycosis.

Tubal involvement leads to inflammatory or suppurative changes, thickening and distortion of the tubes, the formation of pus sacs, and sometimes such complete destruction that no remnant of the tubal structure can be found either at operation or at autopsy.

Only seven cases of uterine actinomy cosis have been reported. The involvement may be restricted to either the corpus or the cervix. As a rule abscesses result and their pus contains typical granules. In one case the uterus was prolarsed and the infection was limited to the cervit. In the six other cases the adnesa were infected

Involvement of the parametrium and pelvic connective to sue has been found rather frequently in association with injection of the uterus and adnera

Only three cases of primary levions of the external genitaba have been reported. In the few cases of secondary lesions on record the external genitalia. were involved by the extension of an infection of the upper genitalia

It is most generally believed that the most frequent source of infection of the female genitalia is the intestinal tract Sometimes the history, chinical signs observations at operation and autops; findings point to the vagina and cervix as the probable sources.

The symptoms and course of actinomy cotic infections of the female generative tract are not at all characteristic. The course may be acute subacute. or chronic. In chronic cases there is often a history of previous acute or subscute attacks abdominal pain general poor health fever, increasing weakness anorexia loss of weight and pallor. There may be al o symptoms due to my observent of a contiguous structure such as the bladder or rectum Frequently one or more operations have been performed. Exten sion to the abdominal wall or to the incuinal umi ilical, or gluteal regions is not uncommon

In acute and subscute infections it is usually impossible by either abdominal vagnat or rectal examination to differentiate between actinomy cous and the leasons caused by almost any other organism Operation is performed to obtain further evidence but the final diagnosis requires cultural and histo-

Ingical studies As a rule the prognosis is poor. When a patient presents herself for treatment late in the disease and when the nature of the condition has not been recog mized at previous operations the prognosis is very

unfavorable or hopeless because of extension of the infection to inaccessible tissues and vital organs

The treatment includes medical surpreal and gradiation therapy

Radical ever ion of the affected parts is desirable whenever the lesion is accessible. When it is evien. sive incisi m and drainage is helpful because among other reasons the affected parts can be exposed to the effects of oxygen However surgery alone apparently does not cure genital acting my costs 21 must be supplemented by the oral administration of potassium todile and \ ray irradiation of the affected areas

Gradually increasing doses of potassium todade even up to 100 gr three times daily, are advised It is possible that the beneficial effect of the 1 rays is due to the liberation of free pascent indine rather than to the detrimental effect of the rays on the

In the case of actinomycosis of the fallonian tubes reported by the author there was a complicating right inguinal adenitis. The uterus was not removed The oraties and appendix were fee from involve ment Seven years later the patient was entirely free from symptoms and apparently cured

Gardiner believes that the infection of the tubes in this case was due to lymphatic extension from a primary source in the body of the uterus and cervit The organi m was filimentous branched clubbed Cram positive and not acid fast. It grew slowly under micro according conditions and in subcultures was eventually Lilled by exposure to the air

In conclusion the author 145 that actiroms costs is not always a suppurative process. The injection may be conveyed by the lymphatics and the cervix may be the point of inva ion and the site of primary infection from which the internal genitalia become involved later

The physician must ever be actinomy costs conscrous as it is usually impossible to differentiate chinically between actinomycosis and other infections The paucity of reported cases of involvement of the female genitalia by actinomy cosis suggests failure to make routine microscopic examinations of pus found and tissues removed either at operation or autopsy George H Geanway M D

Zondek B Gonadotropic Stimulation Treatment (Zue ponudstropen Stimulationsthernfie)
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In earlier hormone therapy the attempt was made to correct a hormone deficiency by introducing the hormone into the organism at the site where it was utilized In the future hormone therapy should become a stimulation therapy at the site where the hormore is produced. In prolan we possess a gon adotropic hormone the clinical effect of which can undoubtedly be further increased by the addition of its synergic factor symptolish. Observations show that profan has the ability to initiate function in an overy which has not functioned previously to a imu late an already functioning overs and to re-establish oversen function after it has ceased. The chinical done of prolar as a coo rat units

Matteace F The Fate of the Isophenolized Anatomical Studies and Functional Tests at Larious Intervals After Isophenoliza tion (Destro del ova b 1 | hentherato Studio anatomico e sargi fun tionali prodotti in periori ware de tempo dall'isor henalizzazi ne pra ticata Riv stat de ginec 19to 17 511

The author reports studies of the anatomical and functional charges occurring in the ovary of the rabbit after isophenolization (chemical sympathectomy)

Isophenolization of the ovary 1 accomplished by injecting the evarian fascia with isophenol (phenol an I cresof) through a midline ab immai meision Doppler has shown that phenol exerts a selective action on the sympathetic nervous system pro ducing a complete sympatheticolysi

The procedure and results in the author's experi

ments were as follows

Experiment 1 Several nearly mature rabbits weighing 1,900 gm. were subjected to isophenolization and histological studies of the excised ovaries were made a month later. The latter disclosed (1) thickening of the tunica albuginea, (2) scarcity of primordial follicles, (3) marked evidence of degenerative processes in many follicles, and (4) increased interstitial tissue

Experiment 2 Rabbits of the same age and weight as those in the first experiment were subjected to isophenolization and histological studies of the ovaries were made after two, three, four, and six months. A progressive tendency toward restoration of the structure characteristic of the normal ovary

was observed.

Experiment 3. Immature isophenolized rabbits of the same weight were treated with the urine of pregnant women from one month to six months after the chemical sympathectomy. In those treated with the urine one month after the sympathectomy, histological study of the ovaries forty-eight hours after injection of the urine showed: (1) thickening of the tunica albuginea, (2) a few hemorrhagic follicles, (3) hemorrhage less pronounced than in the normal ovary, (4) scanty proliferation of the granulosa cells, (5) cystic follicles without hemorrhage, and (6) increased interstitial tissue. In those treated with the urine two, three, and four months respectively after the sympathectomy the hormonal response of the ovary gradually increased. In those treated with the urine six months after the isophenolization the Aschheim-Zondek reaction was practically normal.

Experiment 4 Mature isophenolized rabbits were placed with males fifteen days, one month, two months, and four months respectively after the chemical sympathectomy. All had uneventful preg-

nancies and gave birth to normal offspring

Experiment 5 Mature rabbits were isophenohized respectively in the first, second, third, and fourth week of pregnancy All had uneventful pregnancies and gave birth to normal offspring.

The author draws the following conclusions

1. Isophenolization causes a temporary change in the anatomical structure of the ovary and temporary involution and degeneration

2 The ovary regains its normal structure about

six months after the sympathectomy

3 There is a slight attenuation of the functional activity of the ovary immediately after the isophenolization, but the gland retains its automaticity and functional activity even though the sympathetic nervous system is excluded

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Gelst. S. II., and Spielman. F.: The Therapeutic Value of Antuitrin-S in Menometrorrhagia. An J. Obst. & Gyrec., 1035, 20 518.

The authors state that for any therapeutic measure to be acceptable, exact and unquestioned results

must be obtainable with it in a high percentage of cases. When sex-hormone preparations show the definite and striking effects in the human being that are produced by insulin, adrenalin, and pituntrin, then and then only may they be regarded as acceptable for the physician's armamentarium.

Of fourteen cases of menometrorrhagia, exhibition of the prepituitary-like hormone in the form of Antuitrin-S was followed by improvement in only

two.

A survey of the literature discloses such varied and conflicting opinions that the present widespread use of "endocrine" products in the treatment of menstrual disturbances seems to be unwarranted

Edward L Cornell, M D.

Kraul, L, and Simon, S.: The Influence of Hormones on the Function of the Uterine Musculature (Der Linfluss der Hormone auf die Funktione der Uterusmuskulatur) II ien klin Welnschr., 1934, 2 1505

The sensitivity of the uterine muscle to pituitrin was determined by noting the increase of tonus and peristalsis after the administration of 1 or 2 Voegthin units of pituitrin Both the intra-uterine bag method of Knaus and the method of filling the cavity of the uterus with iodipin were used, the increase of pressure being measured manometrically and controlled roentgenographically. First, the investigations of Knaus were repeated As is well known, Knaus found a distinct pituitrin reaction of the uterine muscle in the postmenstruum. In the premenstruum during the period of function of the corpus luteum he observed no reaction He believes the method is suitable for determining the presence of a corpus luteum on the basis of insensitivity of the uterine muscle to pituitrip.

In general, the authors were able to confirm Knaus' findings. In the majority of the thirty cases studied they found a much weaker reaction in the premenstruum than in the postmenstruum in one and the same uterus. Nevertheless, they obtained also results which deviated from this rule and noted that often only a slight hypoplasia or a chronic inflammation had a marked effect on the results. The manometric and roentgenographic examinations were found to present still greater sources of error. On the basis of the last method the authors agree with Schultze who, as is known, also disputed the results obtained by Knaus On the other hand, the examination of pregnant uters with the uterine bag method revealed a distinctly increased pituitrin reaction In the menopause the uterus reacted less strongly to pituitrin, while in hyperhormonal amenorrhea it reacted more vigorously

In order to ascertain more exactly the effect of various hormones on the sensitivity of the uterus to pituitrin, the hormones were administered to the patients a few hours before the examination. It was determined that the corpus luteum hormone, even when administered artificially, lowered the reaction of the uterine muscle. On the other hand, the follicle

hormone raised the sensitivity of the aternic miscle very considerably. The injection of thymics extract weakened the action of pituitism. Probat had no effect on the reaction. In studies of the effect of thereof extract and adrenation on menorthagar by ecutracts were found to have no noteworth, influence on that conduction.

The authors discuss also I naus theory regarding physiological sterility of women in the premenstruum and postmenstroum. They agree with Anaus that the chance of conception is greatest at the time of rupture of the follicle that is in the middle of the interval On the o her hand they state that it is incorrect to assume that conception cannot take place outside his period. Fractical experience .. hows the possibility of conception during the premenstruum and the postmenstruum. They explain the sources of error which, in the method they used are sufficiently great to make it impossible to be absolutely certain of the presence of a corpus luteum Therefore they do not feel justined in assuming that the corpus luteum has a functioning period of fourteen days duration under all circumstances. They agree with Schroeder who believes that the durations of the function of the corpus luteum is variable It this theory is correct, physiological sterility alone is not a sure basis for birth control by natural means

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The author discusses the theory that glandular cyclic hyperplassa of the uterine mucosa 1 due to persistence of the follicides with consequent over roodsction of follicidin and under production of the late in horizone. In the case of a castrated woman mouse units of follicidin hands produce corresponding to glandular cystic hyperplassa were brought about in the previously attemptic process membrane. This observation support the their review and indicates that in the cases of women with defents, or insuch that in the cases of women with defents on trusted price without authorized treatment with the latent hormone.

Hambien F C. Results of the Fre Operative Administration of an Extract of Pregnancy Linke A Study of the Ouries and of the Endometrium Following Such Administrations. Endometrium 1935, 19, 199.

Hamblen reports a study of the action of Antius trin S on the ovaries and endometriam of eleven patients with endometrial hyperplasm. From 2,000 to 8 200 rat units were given over a period of from to more days. The patients per catch either pross inhammatory lesions nor tumors either beinging miliprant.

On examination of serial sections with covaries made from one to fourteen days after the last more tion of the Antistrin S, the privacidal or early folders showed for change Antistrin S acts; timanily on maturing and mature foldocts and increases the commonly observed dependent view changes. In the vounger patients corpora latea were apparted to the control of the

With one questionable exception endometrial changes were not produced but the specimens of endometrialm were obtained rather soon—from the day of the lat injection to five days after terminal tion of the treatment. Heavy S. Ackey Ix. M.D.

Doan R C and Simpson W M The Elliott Treatment of Pelvi, Inflammatory Disease Im J Surg 103 5 78

The authors review 101 cases of priva inflamma tory disease treated with heat by the I flight method during the course of a year

Of 27 ca es of chronse saip nests good results were obtained in 17 (or per cert) fair results in 7, and poor results in 3. In 2 of the 3 in which the results were poor the treatment was inadequate

Of a paients with an auth executation of chronic subjusting, a had a large polyco absects and in 2 of the latter the upper order of the absence are tended to the level of the multilus. The repaper to testiment by the Elhott method alone in these cas was particularly striking. Compeler evolution orcurred in all and good results were obtained in 50 per cent.

Of so cales of acute and subacute salpingitis the results were good in 6s per cent and fair in 34 per cent

In all of 4 cases of cut de sac abscess the results were good

Of ro patients with persistent inflammation after personal pelvis surgery which required further treat mentiall were benefited by the Elliott treatment the results being good in 50 per cent and fair in 50 per cent.

Of it patients treated for abortion infection to scree cuced and i dud of expirema due to the strept seccess hemolyticus. In the latter no evidence of inflammatory divease it is found at autopay on either gross or microscopic examination.

Four patients with postpartum infec for who had had a temperature of for fegrees F or more for at least two days before the treatment was instituted presented good real?'s

Of 8 patients with thronic cervicitis and endo cervicitis the results were satisfactory in 8 5 per cent.

In 4 ca is of gonococcal infection in children the results were disappointing. The authors believe that the treatmen effected a cure in only a case. In a of the 3 other cases injections of theel in were followed.

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One patient with intractable trichomonas vaginalis vaginitis responded promptly to the treatment, but received a severe burn involving practically the

entire vaginal mucous membrane

The results were best in the acute and subacute forms of pelvic infection. The decrease in the sedimentation rate and the clinical improvement seemed to parallel each other. Burns occurred in the course of the treatment in 12 cases, but were severe in only 2

Of the entire series of cases, the results were good in 67 per cent, fair in 25 per cent, and poor in 8 per

cent.

The authors believe that 9 out of 10 patients with pelvic inflammatory disease may be treated successfully by the Elliott method without recourse to surgery. In the majority of cases hospitalization is not necessary. The technique is simple but requires training.

HARRY W FINK, M D

Kottmeier, H L.: Changes Occurring in the Bones in Cases of Uterine and Ovarian Tumors (Knochenveraenderungen bei malignen Uterus- und Ovarial-tumoren). Acta radiol, 1935, 16 275

After a brief review of the literature the author discusses cases of malignant tumor of the uterus and ovaries treated by irradiation in which a roentgen examination was made on account of suspected skeletal changes. From examinations at autopsy in a series of cases of uterine carcinoma treated by irradiation he concludes that skeletal metastases are more frequent in this condition than is indicated by earlier foreign statistics based for the most part on cases not treated by irradiation and are more common in cases of adenocarcinoma of the cervix than in cases of squamous-cell carcinoma

For the differentiation of osteoporosis from metastases, structural pictures are necessary. The technique used at the Seraphimer Hospital, Stockholm, for roentgenography of the spine and pelvis is described. By the use of a relatively greater focal distance, longer exposure, lower tension, and the Lysholm gall-bladder diaphragm, it is possible to obtain good structural roentgenograms even in cases of marked osteoporosis. Areas of destruction produced by lymph-node metastases are to be looked for in the region of the sacro-iliac articulation and the greater sciatic notch.

Moller-Christensen, E.: On the Therapeutic Uses of Sex-Hormone Preparations. Acta obst et gynec, Scand, 1935, 15. 28

The conditions in which the use of sev-hormone preparations is to be considered may be divided into the following three groups (1) menstrual anomalies, (2) syndromes due to failure of ovarian function, and (3) miscellaneous conditions such as habitual abortion, miscarriage, and primary weakness of uterine contractions

The author states that in his opinion the genesis and symptoms of the first and second groups may be explained physiologically; their causes are to be sought in disturbances of the secretion of ovarian hormones, frequently with disturbances of the quantitative relations of estrin and the corpus luteum hormone. The therapy indicated therefore consists simply in supplying the lacking hormone

In conclusion he reports the most recent findings with regard to the effect of large doses of estrin in abortion, miscarriage, and primary weakness of the uterine contractions, and the effect of corpus

luteum hormone in habitual abortion

#### OBSTETRICS

#### PREGNANCY AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Bolaffi R. Histidinuria in Obstetrics and Cyne cology Its Use for the Early Diagnosis of Preg nancy (Sull estidinums nel campo os etn o girero logico sua utiliz az one per la diagnosi precece della gravidants) Rie ital di gine 1335 17 480

Many methods advorated for the diagnosis of early pregnancy in the past thirty years have been abandoned because they were often unrehable and their technique was complicated Kappeler and Adler recently introduced a biological method ha ed on the appearance of histidine in the urine which they believe occurs only in pregnancy This procedure is as follows

To as e cm of a twenty four hour specimen of urine is added a sufficient quantity of brom acetic act i (r per cent bromme in 33 per cent scette acid) to produce a lemon yellow color. The mixture i then allowed to stand for ten minuter. At the end of that time from a to g c cm of a solution of ammonium carbonate of ammonia (2 parts of concentrated am monta to r part of ro per cent ammonium carbonate)

are added. If histidine is present the color changes to a characters tic rose

Ot too pregnancies at various stages including 2 ectopic pregnances this te t was found positive by happeler and Adler in 99 1 per cent. In all cases of gynecological conditions except a small number of genital tract malignancies it was negative. In the puerocrum the histidinum had disappeared by the end of the eighth day

In the cases of 88 pregnant women talle found the incidence of histidinums to be 25 per cent in the first month of pregnancy to per cent in the second month, and increasingly higher as term was approached

Wess Furth and Herbert have frequently found histodipuria in eases of pulmonary tuberculo is

The author's study was estried out on 171 momen in various stages of pregnancy 45 women in the puer persum 18 newborn infants , 1 women with gyneco loweral conditions to patients with hepatic diseases and 24 individuals with no organic di case

Of the pregnant nomen 129 per cent showed a positive reaction. The incidence of a positive result in the first second and third trimesters of preg nancy was 56 7 , and 88 8 per cent respectively Of c cases of abortion, the result was po mive in 4 and negative in 1 In pregnancies complicated by cystetis with a marked febrile reaction it was intense ly positive. Of 4 cases of ectopic pregnancy it was negative in 3 and only very slightly positive in a In the purrperium the histidine disappeared from

the urine on the eighth day Of the newborn miants all had a negative reac

tion

Of the cases of gynecological diseases a positive result was obtained in 24 (33 8 per cent) and 1 negr tive result in 47 In the cases with elevation of the temperature the incidence of positive reactions was high Of 15 women suffering from prosalpingitis and pelvic peri onitis the test was positive in the cases of 6 Of a patients with grantal malignancy o (42 8 per cent) showed a positive result. In almost all of the case of benien neoplasms (cysts polyps and fibromasl and gynecological conditions not associated with fever the test was negative

Of the 24 rormal persons 8 (33 3 per cent) showed

a faintly positive reaction

These findings prove that histidine may be excreted In the unne in small amounts by normal men and nomes and in appreciable amounts in many conditions not associated with pregnancy. The author con cludes that the fustiding method for the charmous of pregnancy is unreliable in the early months and has ranny di advantages as compared with the Asch heim Zondek and Priedman tests

GEORGE C From M D

Molinengo L Short Pregnancy (La gravidanza breve ) Ginecologia to35 ft5

Molinengo resiews the problems of both prolonged and short pregnancies and stresses their biological and medicologal aspects. He states that short pregnancy has received less attention than prolonged pregnancy breause it has not been a subject of medicolegal discussion. It is of particular interest in countries which allow inquiry into paternity hence European literature regarding it is almost

entirely German and Austrian

After reviewing the German cases Mobnengo reports a statistical study from the Turin Obstetrical Clinic on 10 000 pregnancies ending in the birth of a mature fetus. His purpose was to determine whether it nould confirm the factors which obstetricians have recently claimed to be of importance in deter mining the duration of pregnancy. In addition to the usual criteria of fetal maturity he u ed be weight curve excluding infants which lost more than 100 gm and those which had not regained their birth weight by the seventh day He calculated the duration of pregnancy from the first day of the last menstrual period excluding the cases in which this period was indefinite and irregular and accepting only the e in which it was typical

One hundred and forty-one (x 41 per cent) of the pregnancies were short thatting le's than two hundred and sixty days) The minimum duration was two bundred and twenty three days jo or per cent of the cases? In \$8 the duration was between two hundred and hity six and two hundred and sixty days I he data were analyzed in relation to the mother's age, parity, gental function (uteroovarian hormonest, pelvic development, and general health, and the sex of the fetus

Short prernancy occurred most often in vomen between twenty one and thirty years old, the are of reactioners general function, and in para-it and perasia. It was much more frequent in nomen of bigh utero manin tenction. There was no special pathological condition connected with it, and no connection between pelvic development and the duration of the pregnance. The weight of the fetus was prester than the average weight of balves born at term. More of the libbles were males than females.

These findings do not here in all particulars with those of other obstetricions, especially those allo believe that there is normally a preallelism lativeen the size of the mother's polisis, the development of the fews, and the duration of pregnancy. In Molmergo's opinion the rapidity of ictal development, a factor usuardently considered, is the principal cause of variations in the duration of presumers. The courses of difference in the developmental rate are still obscure, but it is researche to believe that the predominant factor is the functional expects of the mother's genital organs. This theory is supported by findings of the study reported in this inticle. Biological forces connected with natural selection may be involved in alore pregnancies, the fetus being expelled early when it rapidly attime a development court to coping with the environment of the outer world because a bather stry and development in the uterus would be dangerous for both mother and clubb

The article include tables and is followed by a rigerzoildid M. I. Mover, M.D.

Meagher, W. G.: When to Operate in Ruptured Ectopic Gestation In J Dist Store, rost,

Meagher reviews 217 eases of ruptured retopic pregnance. The diagnosis was not difficult, plun and bleeding occurred at some time in every cise

In 80 (30 per cents of the cases the woman was in shock vien she entered the bospital and operation now delived. In all but sof these so cases the shock was combated successfully, and in 75 (or per cent) nes sufficiently relicted to permit the patient to withstand the added shock of operation

The author believes that the total mortality of 3 2 per cent (8 deaths) might have been loage if transfusion had always been done as quickly as it is today. There is no evidence to show that if would have been lower if immediate operation had been performed. On the contrary, adherence to a policy of immediate operation would have increased the risk

Dieckmann, W. J.: Renal Function in the Toxemias of Pregnancy. Im J Obst & Gyrec, 1935, 20 472

I'D. AID L COINTH, M II

Dieckmann states that approximately 5 per cent of the patients delivered in a maternity hospital

have toxemia. In normal pregnancy the means for the blood non protein nitrogen and urea nitrogen, which are 23 S and 12 2 mg per cent respectively, are below normal. The climination of water by the kidney is delayed or dicreised. The concentration of urea and sodium chloride in the urine is decreased, the mean maximum specific gravity of the urine bring therefore 1 022. The me in for the urea concentration factor is 63.8 before and 71.5 per cent after delivery. This increase above the normal is caused by the reduction in the blood ure; The mean for the area clearance is 1023 per cent before, and 1215 per cent after, delivery. Despite the decrease in the blood urea, the user clearance is found to be apparently decreased in the last half of prognancy when studied in individual cases

Direlmann's finding in the toxemine of pregnarcy and the conclusions he drays from them are

symmatical as follows

r. The means for the blood non-protein introgen and urer nitrogen are 300 and 13.5 mgm, per 100 cem respectively. In the obsence of hypochloremia and oligaria, a non-protein introgen of 40 mgm, per tes cim or rute, or a vici nitrogen of 20 nigm per 100 cem or more should alway, suggest remit importment. Women with Indney disease sufficient to cause nitrogen retention usually do not conceive. If they do concerve, death of the fetus or mother is vally occurs early in the pregnancy

2. The urinity excretion of water is even more madedly decreased than an normal pregnancy. delay of water elimination may be due to an arteriolar spasm of the renal vessels which diminishes the glomerular filtrate or to increased re-absorption of water in the tubules. Liel, of water in the blood streen (hemoconcentration) resulting from incre ised permeability of the expillary and cell scalls due to

the toxemia may also be a factor

3 The concentration of ure 1 and sodium chloride in the urine is still further decreased, the average specific gravity being therefore 1 018 before, and 1 0:0 after, delivery

1 The mean for the urea concentration factor is slightly less than in the absence of pregnancy. It is approximately one half of the mean for the normal

pregnant voman

5. In the cases of women with toxemia, hypertension, or nephritis, the uren-elemance test is usually definitely decreased during the latter half This impairment is caused by the of pregnancy reduction or delay in the elimination of water and the decrease in the concentration of urea in the urine

6 A urea clearance after delivery which is persistently 50 per cent of the normal or less indicates renal impairment. This organic renal change may be the result of pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, nephrosclerosis, glomerulonephritis, or pyelonephritis

7. Many women show considerable increases in the clearance over a period of from three to six months after delivery. The phenomenon may be explained by assuming a hypertrophy of the remaining Lidney tissue or a slowly decreasing arteriolar spasm of the renal vessels permitting more filtration. Therefore renal functional tests should be performed weeks preferably months, after de-

livery

8 The Addis count is of considerable value in differentiating the various types of totemia of treenance

o 'Careful observations and repeated studies of the blood unine, and rensi function oue a period of years in the cases of a large number of toxering patients are essential for a proper classification. Envage LORENTE MD

I évy-Solal, E The Edemas of Pregnance A Physiopathological Study (Les edèmes de la ge tation Etude physiopathologique) Gynée et obt/1935/31/193

From his studies the author corclude that the hormonal hyperactivit of pregnary results in an alteration of the normal water metabolism. The functions of nater metabolisms are governed by a complex relationship between the brain stem and the hypothysis. Through it is authorize the enems, the posts no robe of the hypophysis retards the elimination of water. Water reterior occurs when the same the state of the control of the control of the transferred to the popular is able to machine the normal collection.

Excessive endering activity results in transforor persistent states of edems inclinate ransity after tion. The mobilization of the water is generally accompanied by a correlative mobilization of chlorides. In modifying the mineral metabolism and the constituer to the plasmy pregnant, creater a near physicochemical equilibrium which seems to be more the culettre than the result. Years M.D.

Gueisanz E. A Clinical Study of the Edermas of Pregnancy (Etude clinique ur les ordèmes de la gospesse) ( interesti, 19,5 32 239

The author discusses physiological edema and opthological celema of preparancy. The former st due to the avoidity of the organism and its special capacity for water ectention. It is unrelated to cardiac or renal disfunction. I athological eclema is excessive electra with or without other tone symptoms (eclampia pre cilampia nephropathy hyper emess actus pellow atemph).

In cases of albuminuma of pregnancy edema is the rule. It has no special characteristics in either extent or localization except that vulvar and palpebad edema are very common. Refractionetine examination of the retirma fluid shows no differences from

plus sological edema dud Uncomplicated edema of pregnance does not terminate in eclaripous. In 29 per cent of ra so dedma hipertension is present and an use third it leads to eclaripo is or eclaripsism. The association of edema and sibunituria without hypertension 25 found in 4 per cent of cases of edema and does not appear to favor the development of echan, is fin 20 per cent of cases albuminum hypertension and edema are combined and in a few this association leads to estampsia or pre-ectampsia. It is care for eclampsia to develop without edema. In some cases isolated as if transitory vulvar and palpebral edema are warning stensis of eclarpoids.

The therapy of edema gives good re-ults when it as begun early. In physiological relient as good re-ult may be anticeptized with considerable cotainty. The best regular are obtained with a low saltdiet plans thyroid medication. In the severe edemas of pregnance, a more struct obstary and hyperia, regime as ancessary and thyroid medication shroid. Interruption of the pregnancy is seldom induction.

In pathological edema associated with explining atty pre claring in ordering and proposed pro

Berutti E. A Contribution to the Anowledge of the Meelitis of Frequency (Contribute sile consecute della michte granden) Genecologia 1935 t tax

To the cognitic issuant due sincilly to pregnancy set are The most important is a substitute according resulting of the disseriminated transverie or systemic types. In its d'ferent stayer the condition produces the most a sincil and complex syndromes ranging from poly neutrina to mysel enterphalit About forty undquilted caves have been reported most them in the German futeraire. According to the control of the comment of t

none of them is recent On the ba is of the reported cases Berutti dis cusses the historical development of the concept of the desease and the varieties clinical course prog nosis pathology differential diagnosis and treat ment of the condition. He considers it due to a neuromyelotropic toxin carried by the blood and possibly of intestinal origin. Its development is favored by the increased permeability of the menances in the second half of pregnancy or by a localized decrease of resis ance in the spinal cord Although its circumscribed location appears oppo ed to the hypothesis of a generalized torse state its etionescal relationship to pregnancy is demonstrated by the fact that it usually appears in the second half of pregnancy and progresses with the pregnan y the immediate improvement after de livery the occurrence of polyneuromyelitic syn dromes in association with the gastro intestinal manifestations of the texemia of pregnancy the occasional recurrence of the condition in successive pregnancies and the similarity of the lesions found in the capillary endothelium to those found in the central nervous system and the kidneys in eclampsia Interruption of the pregnancy is stringly indicated

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Chabanler, H., Michon, L., Lobo-Onell, C., and Lelu, I.—Post-Abortice Adurta with Spostic Phenomena, Decap-sulation, Chlorine Replacement, Recovery, (Notice policy for the more spootings, deep bottom field factors, galnon). Preserved, Pari, 1933, 44, 455

The present whose case is reported an first seen by one of the authors mine disserter abortion with infection. The outstraining features at that time vere per isteat vomition, letigue, enema, chight muscular teatchings of the face, hickorigh, and homorphysic gurdients. I doma was about. There vis a history of rather recent obgains becoming more marked until by the time the patient was seen by the authors the urighty output was only to conin tyenty four hours. The oligan's mas associated with albaminuria, an increase in the blood urea, a decrease in the plasma chlorides, and a full in the alkali re-cric. As the right Lidney was polpibly enlarged, decopsulation a 28 decided upon. The kid nev was found to be large and pile. The renal pelvis vas normal. The capcule stripped off easily Biopsy showed essentially an acute tubular nephritis with edoma of the interstitual tissue

After the operation about 30 gm of salt are administered daily in the form of a hypertonic solution given intravenously in an isotonic glucose solution. This dosage was continued for six days until slight malleolar edema appeared. The amount of salt was then reduced. The result was striking. The urinary output rose to 140 c cm, the day following the opera-

tion and rapidly increased until it reached 7,000 c.m. on the sixth day. Under the influence of the dioresis the blood area gradually became normal and the patient's central condition improved rapidly. The herorrhadic gaugitis was treated with temon face. The spastic phenomena were found associated with a blood calcium of 5 mgm per 100 cm. This was treated successfully with calcium phenometer and injections of parathormone.

Verious aspects of the case are discussed in detail, especially the treatment. The changes in the acid-hase equilibrium and the blood Chlorides and the lowering of the blood culcum are discussed from the theoretical standpoint. This phorus determinations are not reported.

The article is applicated by several photophotograph Nation A Women, M.D.

Robinson, A. L., Datnow, M. M., and Jeffconte. F. N. A.: The Induction of Abortion and Labor by Meins of Estrin, but M. J., 1933, 1–24

He authors believe that e trin is the rasin sensitimp factor of the human uteres, that it is impossible to overcome the inhibitory phase of the normal pregnant uterus by the injection of very large quantitles of the new stroubiling favors, and that the Lorence bulines in normal pregnance in the hum in being is not maintained simply by the relative quantitles of proposity and estria. They confe s to some feeling of tel of in their in ibility to procure abortion by the admin stration of extern become they are conspeed that if this method sere reliable it would undoubted, lead to a great increase in the number of unrecessors inductions of labor and events of abortion. Their clian I results have shown that the administration of estrin heir term may or may not induce premature liber. Become of the uncertain interval tup to seven or eight days) that intervenes between the commencement of the treatment and the on et of expulsive contractions it is an especially unsantable method for cases in which labor must be induced immediately. On the other hand it is the best method of evacuating the aterus in cases of missed shartion or intri-uterine death of the fetus When correctly carried out at is successful in at least So per cent of cases and has the additional ment of being free from risk. While the patient is subjected to the discomfort of several intramuscular injections, she is free from the danger of uterine trauma, infection, and hemorrhage

In conclusion the authors state that they have been led to hope that estrin will prove of value in primary attrine meetia as their results have shown that the response to estrin therapy is dramatic and this treatment entails no risk to either the mother or the child. Listin is at present expensive, but the authors have so far made no attempt to determine how little or how much is required for therapeutic use. They believe it quite possible that the amount they have been using has been unnecessarily large

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#### LABOR AND ITS COMPLICATIONS Held E Recording the Sumber of Palms in Spon taneous Delivery (La numération des douleurs dans les accouchements spontants) Gjate et obst

The author studied 5 5 obstetrical cases with reference to the number of pains required to accom-

plish delivery and the effect of the time of rupture of the membranes on delivery He found that in the cr es of primipara- nith rupture of the membranes during or at the end of dilatation the average nam ber of pains required for complete delivery was between 150 and on the average number required for dilatation, 150, and the average number required for expulsion 75 In the cases of primiparas with premature rupture of the membranes the corresponding numbers were 250 200 and 75 In the cases of multiparas with rupture of the membranes daring or at the end of the dilitation, they were 100-150 co-100, and 15, and in the cases of multip aras with premature rupture of the membranes they were 150-175 150-175 and 35

These figures are exceeded in only a small per centage of cases When they are exceeded, compli cations are almost always present. Pains are not effective it they are spasmodic irregular, too far apart, or very short and weak. It the presenting part is small or soft an abnormally large number of pains is required. When the child is large or the pelvis is relatively small an increa e in the number of the contractions rather than an increase in their strength is required to bring about delivers. The force of the contractions plays only a secondary part

if a certain rhythm and tonus are maintained Labor is shorter if the membranes rupture when the cervix is dilated to the size of a g Swir france piece. The more prematurely the membranes rup ture the longer the labor. The weight of the child is not a decisive factor in acceleration of labor Artificial rupture of the membranes solely for the purpose of accelerating labor is not justifiable. It may aggravate the condition if the delivers is com pl cared. Often the pains suddenly become more frequent longer and stronger after strificial supture of the membranes There is no appreciable difference in the incidence of fever in the puerperium following premature enptute of the membranes and supture AUDREY LUSS MORT IN M D during labor

Bachenfeldt S von Studies of the Delivery of Multiparas btudien ueber Enthindungen bei Mehrzebserend a) 444a obst et gynec Scand 1935 is bupp i

This statistical study based on the material of the clinic of Essen Moller in Lund Sweden for the years from 1211 to 1030 is the third of a senses. The hest of the series, made by Lundh ( iets obst et evner Scand 1926 Vol 4) dealt with deliveries of primiparas and the second made by Loefquist (Acts obst e' ginet Scant 1931 bat 2) with pre mature deliveries The author states that so far as he is aware his material is the largest that has been cep 11 to gasterenes to date consisting of 11 and deliverses exclu ive of those of women with multiple pregnancies and those of vomen giving furth to infants ne ghing less than 2 500 gm abortions were included a woman who had had I abortion, for example, being counted as a para is However, women with a history of abortion are placed in a separate group designated as the 4 or abortion group whereas the others are placed in a group designated as the "N or normal group

The average duration of labor in the total number of cases was about ten hours. Lundh found that in the cases of primiparas it was fourteen hours. In the second and third deliveries it decreased to nine and five hundredths hours and in the su cessive deliverses it gradually increased. It should no demon trable relationship to the sex of the child Except in the labors of the secundiparas of Group which averaged sixteen hours no roteworthy difference was found between the duration of the labors in the N and A groups While the duration of labor seemed to be practically con tant in the different age groups of the same parity it was perhaps sightly greater in the higher age groups

The author states that in evaluating statistics with regard to the different presentations at birth it is necessary to consider (i) the number of pre mature infants (2) the size (we ght and length) of the infants (3) the number of multiple pregnancies and (4) the parity of the mothers. In the material which he investigated, premature infants were probably excluded by the minimum weight limit of 500 gm Also excluded were multiple pregnancies He d seu ses the incidence of each presentation with relation to parity and the size of the child. The size of the child cemed to be of little importance in the oresentation flowever intants in transverse ores entations appeared to be somewhat lighter than those in head presentations. The rather constant lower weight of infants presenting by the breech was accounted for rather satisfacturaly by the frequent and often con iderable to a of meconium in ca es of

breech presentation The incidence of head presentation decreased and that of transverse pre , ntation increased somewhat with successive deliveries whereas the incidence of breech remained practically constant. In the cases of secundiparas the incidence of head pre entation was 97 of per cent whereas in those of women who had had from 10 to 20 pregnancies it ranged from os to of per cent The incidence of transverse pres entat on in the same groups was 2 70 and 1 8 per cent Of the head presentations frontal presen a tions and face presentations seemed to ircrease somen hat with surcessive deliveries whereas occiput presentations decreased. These findings were about the same in the A and N groups

The weight of the child increased with Juccessive pregnancies. The increase was practically the same for both sexes As a rule the male infant was about 100 gm heavier than the female infant. The average

weight of the infants was 3,658 gm. In the cases of women with the same parity there was no demonstrable relation between the weights of the infants

and the ages of the mothers

The incidence of the most important pathological conditions associated with pregnancy, labor, or the puerperium-placenta previa, hydraninios, coiling of the cord about the child's neck, placenta marginata and circumvallata, retention of the membranes, hyperemesis gravidarum, icterus, albuminuma, nephropathy, eclampsia, and eclampsism-showed an increase with successive pregnancies, and most of these conditions were somewhat more frequent in the A group than in the N group The incidence of placenta previa was o 30 per cent in mothers from sixteen to twenty-five years of age and 1 51 per cent in mothers between forty-one and fifty-two years of age, and increased from 0 45 per cent in the cases of secundiparas to 2 82 per cent in the cases of women who had had from 10 to 20 pregnancies The incidence of eclampsia and eclampsism taken together was o 96 per cent in the first of these age groups and 3 70 per cent in the second. In secundiparas it was o 98 per cent, and in women who had had from 7 to o pregnancies it was 1 o7 per cent.

The incidence of premature rupture of the membranes was 19 1 per cent in the total number of cases, 22 0 per cent in the A group and 18 5 per cent in the

N group

Of the women with a narrow pelvis, 43 were delivered by cesarean section before labor started. Of the remaining 104, premature rupture of the membranes occurred in only 18 (170 per cent). However, as the difference in the incidence of premature separation of the placenta in the entire material and in the cases of flat pelvis was only 21 per cent and the average figure for error is 37 per cent, no difference was proved. Consoli's claim regarding the influence of short cord on the incidence of premature rupture of the membranes was not confirmed.

The incidence of prolapse of the cord was o 62 per cent in the total number of cases, 041 per cent in the cases of secundiparas and tertiparas, and o 84 per cent in the cases of women who had had from 4 to 20 pregnancies. The increase with successive labors is to be attributed in part at least to the increase in transverse presentations. Prolapse of the hand beside the head occurred in only 8 cases, its

incidence being therefore 0 07 per cent

Rupture of the uterus occurred in 4 cases Three of the women with this condition had had from 4 to

20 pregnancies

Fever during labor was rare No difference in its incidence in the A and N groups was demonstrable

The incidence of operative interference during delivery decreased with successive labors. The incidence of forceps delivery in the cases of women who had had from 2 to 5 pregnancies was higher in the A group than the N group and was definitely higher in the cases of older women than in those of younger women of equal parity. The incidence of forceps delivery in the total number of labors was 1.72 per

cent In 10,988 labors with occiput presentation the incidence of forceps delivery was 1 63 per cent, 1n 287 labors with forehead presentation, 6 97 per cent, and 1n 14 labors with brow presentation, 50 per cent.

The incidence of cesarean section in the entire material was 1 16 per cent. In 11 5 per cent of the cases in which this operation was done the indication was placenta previa. Habitual death of the fetus was the indication for 24 per cent of the cesarean sections in the A group and for 7 per cent of those in the N group.

The average duration of the placental stage was about ten minutes and practically the same in both

the N and A groups

Postpartum hemorrhage became more frequent with successive labors. The incidence of a loss of from 600 to 1,000 gm of blood was 50 per cent in the total material and increased regularly with successive labors, while the incidence of a loss of more than 1,000 gm was 22 per cent in the total material and remained fairly constant in successive deliveries. The frequency of postpartum hemorrhage was greater in the A group than in the N group. It seemed to have no relation to the age of the mothers. The incidence of Crédé expression and manual removal of the placenta increased with parity.

Puerperal infections showed a tendency to become less frequent with increasing parity. The incidence of the other puerperal diseases remained rather constant.

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Croft, C R.: Contraction Ring: Treatment by Arnyl Nitrite, with Observations on the Pharmacological Action of Nitrite. Proc. Roy. Soc Med., Lond., 1935, 28 481

The author reviews briefly a group of cases in which a contraction ring which formed late in the second stage of labor was relaxed and delivery rendered possible by the inhalation of amyl nitrite It is believed that this drug was first used for the control of a contraction ring in 1882 by Barnes In the case of a woman with retention of the placenta following the use of ergot 3 drops were administered on a liandkerchief immediately after the birth of the After inhalation of the amyl nitrite it was possible to introduce the hand to remove the adherent placenta In addition to cases reported in the literature, the author cites experimental evidence in support of the use of this drug in cases of contraction ring and discusses his own experience. He considers the administration of nitrites a safe and efficient method of treating contraction rings forming late in labor. CARL H DAVIS, M D

## PUERPERIUM AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Jones, J. L., and Barlow, O W.: A Clinical Comparison of Various Ergot Preparations on the Postpartum Human Uterus Am J Obst & Gynec, 1935, 29 489

The clinical efficiency of extracts of ergot as judged by the reaction of the postpartum uterus differs significantly according to the method by which the extracts are admiristered. In relation to the spread of the reaction the order of the methods of admini\_tration is (1) rectal (2) intramuscular (3) oral The massmal differences in time with the three methods range from seven and a half to twelve minutes The order of the extracts and methods of their administration according to decreasing mugnitude and duration of the response is (1) USF fluid extract given (a) by rectum and (b) by mouth (a) B P liquid extract given by mouth and (3) ergot aseptic given intramuscularly. The difference of reaction efficiency between intramuscular and oral administration may be due to the dose. The intramuscular injection may be given at any time during the postpartum period. It does not cause nausea or vomiting but the chance of infection is always present and the patient is subjected to pain. The rectal administration of the fluid extract (diluted with from two to three volumes of water) produces ontimal reactions and has the advantages of intramuscular injection and none of the disadvantages of either oral administration or intramuscular injection Rectal administration appears to be the method of choice

The manmal effects of the crude drug p member perast for from forty five to mater munities. After oral or rectal administration simulation is apparent up to four hours. Responses to econd does within two hours are negligible. The intervals between doese should not be less than three or four hours. The B P liquid extract is approximately one half as effective as the USP fluid extract.

Aging of the USP fluid extract for eight months was found to result in a detenoration of approxi

mately 85 per cent according to chemical tests for alkalous but the decreace in the clinical efficiency of the extract during the same period of time did not exceed 30 per cent. Afte one year the alkaloidal tests of both the USE and the BP extracts were negative, yet the alkaloid free solutions retained a clinical activity equivalent to from \$5 to 25 per cent of their original volence.

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nuection.

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Morphine is capable of causing a considerable reduction in the motility and tone of the post-partum interus. The sut-bars' observations suggest that caution is necessity in postpartum medication for pain because of the possibility of uterine relaxation and increased post-pritrial hemorphage.

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## GENITO-URINARY SURGERY

## ADRENAL, KIDNEY, AND URETER

Eisendrath, D. N.: The Clinical Importance of Congenital Hypoplasia. J. Urol., 1035, 33-331

The author emphasizes that renal hypoplasia must not be confused with renal agenesis Hypoplasia includes all degrees of faulty development of the fetal kidney ranging from a kidney which follows in every respect the normal fully developed kidney to the presence of only a mass of fat containing rudimentary renal parenchyma. In agenesis, there is complete absence of all traces, even microscopic, of the renal blastoma or anlage of the embryo While in a certain number of cases of agenesis a ureteral orifice or even a ureter of variable length may be found, even in such cases the most careful examination fails to reveal fetal renal tissue. It must be borne in mind that the ureter and the collecting tubules differ in their embryonal origin from the structures that develop to form the remainder of the Lidney

The word "aplasia" signifies complete lack of formation of some structure, and unless confusion is to take place in the interpretation of these conditions, the lateral interpretation must be accepted.

Eisendrath reports three cases of hypoplasia

The first case was that of a man thirty-five years of age who was admitted to the hospital in coma and died of uremia forty-eight hours later. Autopsy revealed an acute suppurative pyelonephritis of the right kidney due to blocking of the ureter by a calculus and marked hypoplasia of the left kidney which had rendered it unable to compensate for the blocking of the right kidney.

The second case was that of a man forty-five years of age who was seized with an attack of severe left renal colic and anuria and was relieved by ureteral catheterization. Further study failed to reveal the presence of a calculus. The findings of pyelography

were those typical of renal hypoplasia

The third case was that of a boy eleven years of age who had just been relieved of acute retention by meatotomy with the removal of a calculus which was firmly impacted near the external meatus. Six years previously this patient had had an operation for vesical calculus Examination of the urine revealed a marked pyuria, and roentgen examination the presence of four large shadows in the course of the left ureter Operation disclosed a greatly dilated ureter containing four calculi, and an extremely small kidney with a few small cysts and well-marked fetal lobulation Nephro-ureterectomy was per-The removed kidney measured 2 cm in width and 5 cm in length. It showed a diffuse increase of fibrous tissue and numerous dilated tubules In some areas, a few hyalinized glomeruli

could be seen with fibrosis of the adjacent tissue and much infiltration with small round cells. The smaller arteries were thick walled. There was a marked round-cell infiltration in the submucous layer of the pelvis. The gross and microscopic pictures were typical of renal hypoplasia.

As a rule, hypoplastic kidneys are found in the renal regions, but occasionally are dystopic. At times section of the kidney shows division into a cortex and medulla as in the fully developed organ, the appearance being that of a kidney in miniature.

There are certain variations in the renal pelvis in hypoplasia which, very often, can be diagnosed by py elographic examination. It is rare to find complete absence of the pelvis and calyces

The ureter varies in length and may end in or near the hypoplastic kidney. The ureter and ureteral

orifice may be normal

Ectopic urcteral endings are rather common. The author found the ending in the seminal vesicle in eight cases, in the vas deferens in three, in the duct of Gaertner in two, and in the ejaculatory duct, the anterior vaginal wall, and the prostatic urethra in one case each

The clinical aspects of renal hypoplasia are important because the hypoplastic organ fails to develop sufficient reserve power when the other kidney is removed or its function is greatly diminished by injury, disease, or blockage of the ureter

Pathological conditions are often associated with renal hypoplasia. The most frequent are hydronephrosis, calculus formation, and infection

The treatment indicated for renal hypoplasia is nephrectomy. The diagnosis is made by ureteropyelography and tests of renal function. In cases of uncomplicated hypoplasia in which there is sufficient normal parenchyma for the excretion of normal clear urine and the good excretion of dyes, difficulty may be experienced in estimating the reserve ability of the hypoplastic organ when the other kidney requires treatment.

Counseller, V. S., and Priestley, J. T.: The Present Conception of Renal Lithiasis. J Am M Ass, 1935, 104 1309

Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of renal stones, but none so far suggested appears to satisfy the requirements. The theory of infection sponsored chiefly by Rosenow and his co-workers has many adherents.

Hager and Magath isolated from the urine of patients afflicted with alkaline encrusted cystitus an organism closely related to the salmonella proteus ammoniæ A study of this bacıllus showed that its chief function was to split urea into ammonia and carbonic acid Its injection into the bladder of dogs

failed to cause any disturbance in the bladder until chemical cystitis had been produced by an implating substance After the production of a chemical cvs titis chronic encrusted cyetitis with an alkaline urine resulted. This bacterium is now regularly isolated from the urne of patients afflicted with alkaline entrusted cystitis and is regarded as a secondary in vader favoring the precipitation of urmary salts. According to C. H. Mayor stagnation and infection are important factors in the formation of renal stones and the kidney is an organ of filtration which is con stantly eliminating bacteria from the circulation This hypothesis of infection he considers the only tenable one. He contends that the formation of stones requires the presence of bacteria of two types one of which produces renal infection by the hemator enous route and the other of which may come from a local focus

There is no doubt that stasis and infection are con tributory causes in many cases of nephrolithians but the exact influence these factors exert is not clear

Careful study of the experimental work of McCar ruon on the formation of renal stones in rats and cattle in India and of his clinical observations on this disease in the various peoples of India leaves no doubt that there is some evidence of a relationship between a deficiency of \ itamin 4 and the formation of urmary calcult McCarrison noted at o that if latamin C was removed from the diet along with Vitamin A the influence on stone formation was greater and if earthy phosphates were added to the diet depotent in these vitamins the rate and degree of calculus formation was still further increased The mechanism involved has not been determined but it is fairly clear that the serious injury su tained by the unnary conthehum in the presence of a defimeney of Litamin A is an important factor. It is quite probable that the desquamated keratimized enthelium from the umary tract may form the hidus around which stony material is deno sted. The stones produced experimentally are nearly always of the calcium phosphate variety and are nearly always associated with safetion

Observations indicate that the presentation of the formation of scaled is dependent on projective colloids in the urine. When cristalloids are abnormally excessive, colling area be unable to retain them an abution and the formation of calcult results. Calcult may be formed also if the proceeding open of the colloids is interfered with by the production of abnormal colloids as the result of metabolic distributions.

ances or of inflammation produced by bacteria Retent studies of the parathyroid bodies have increased the probability that renal i thiasi is in some fashion related to insturbances of metabolism

Dysfunction of the parathereid bodies is now known to be definitely associated with a cather hab incidence of renal lithius which is findamentally the result of disturbances of calcium and phosphorus metabolism. It is not unlikely that universy stones associated with the prolonged disability incident to

fractures arthretis and other conditions may have

The indications and the type of operation for the removal of a single stone that is too large to pass spontaneously have been furly well standardized In the past nephrolathotomy was the operation of choice for the removal of a renal stone but today, except for a stone or stones situated just beneath the renal capsule or impacted high in one of the calvoes. pelviolithotomy is the preferred procedure. This is true especially for the single stone that is situated in the renal pelvis. By careful manipulation, many single or multiple stones situated in the calyces can also be removed through an musion in the renal pelvis Pclytonephrolithotomy is of distinct advan tage when a stone is impacted in a calir or has branches extending into one or more calyces By introducing the finger through the privic incision, the stone or stones can be pushed toward the cortex, which not infrequently is scarred or somewhat thin over this region and by making a small incision through the cortex or u tog a pointed forceps as advocated by Judi and Scholl, the stones can be extracted quite easily

The surgical procedure which is best for the remixed of multiple stones cannot be stated degenatically as the choice of procedure in a given case must be governed largely by chitucal judgment. In the past decade there has been a desired tendency to mard conservative surgical measures for renly stones. It is a simple procedure to remove a ladney for stone but much experience and several technical aids are required to remove all stones or atom, forgretists with preservation of the ladney. In the presence of extensive infections with press destrucctual renderman and the stones of the stones to the stones of the stones of the stones of the color of the time porticularly of the other times to be stones of the stones of the stones are suborum frequents for single or multiple atoms authorum frequents.

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The surgical treatment of bilateral renal lithiusia is a problem requiring mature judgment and care. Cabot has po viced out that in cases of renal infection and obstruction nephrostom; is of value as it establishes immediate drawage, which is so essential in these cases and promotes elemention of infection.

It appears obvious that for the prevent on of recurrence all calculs and stons fragmants must be genored completely at operation. This may be accomplished only by routine hoperocopic and round generation, examination at the time of operation. With these sids in assensition with a careful surgest technique to prevent undue trains and bleeding all of the stony fragments may be removed in prac-

tically every case

Although the exact part played by obstruction of the kidney in the formation of stones is not fully known, every effort should be made to provide free drainage of urine from the upper portion of the urinary tract following the removal of stones. Not infrequently, because of obstructing factors such as anomalous vessels, bands of fibrous tissue, and acute angulation of the ureter, obstruction may be discovered at the ureteropelvic juncture. This should be corrected, if possible, at the time of operation. The almost certain development or persistence of infection secondary to obstruction is well known.

At present, complete elimination of infection is one of the most important requirements for the prevention of subsequent stone formation. Various aids may be employed for the elimination of infection

from the urinary tract

Before any treatment against infection of the urinary tract can be planned intelligently, accurate information must be obtained regarding the type of the offending bacteria. This necessitates cultures from the pelvis of the kidney and from any stones

that are removed.

Considerable has been written regarding various medicinal measures and the dietary treatment of infection in the urinary tract. According to the authors' experience, the best results are obtained by acidification of the urine with ammonium chloride or ammonium nitrate given in association with methenamine if the offending organism belongs to the bacillary group. Methenamine is most effective when the hydrogen-ion concentration of the urine is at least 5.4. If cultures reveal cocci, the nonspecific use of neoarsphenamine is frequently efficacious. When measures of this type fail to produce the desired results, the production of ketosis by the use of the Letogenic diet will often be effective.

Various metabolic disorders may be fundamentally responsible for the formation of calcult. Their detection may be aided by a routine chemical analysis of removed calculi and examination of the urine for

cystin and uric acid crystals

After the removal of stones from the kidney, periodical examinations of the urinary tract are desirable. In many cases these may seem unnecessary and may be discontinued after several have been made. On the other hand, if the patient presents a tendency toward persistent or recurrent infection of the urinary tract or if he has impaired renal function or faulty drainage from the kidneys, the periodical examinations should be continued for a number of years.

Stevens, A R: Bilateral Urinary Calculi, with Special Reference to Therapeutic Problems. J. Am. M. Ass., 1935, 104, 1289

The treatment of bilateral urinary calculi depends upon the size and location of the calculi, whether they obstruct renal function, and whether infection is present.

Back-pressure on the kidney can be relieved by passing a catheter beyond the obstructing calculus. This is a simple and harmless procedure which improves kidney function, reduces infection, and may perhaps lead to passage of the stone. In performing nephrostomy the author makes multiple small wounds instead of a single large wound and introduces a sufficient number of superficial sutures for hemostasis. He believes this technique reduces destruction of kidney tissue to the minimum

In conclusion Stevens emphasizes that the aim of the surgeon should be to obtain the greatest ultimate improvement of renal function with the minimal risk.

J Sydney Ritter, M D

Quinby, W C, and Bright, E. F.: Solitary Renal Cysts; Their Symptoms When Situated at the Upper Pole of the Right Kidney. J Urol, 1935, 33 201

The authors discuss the classification, etiology, pathology, and symptoms of solitary renal cysts and report seven cases. In four of the latter the cysts were located in the upper pole of the right kidney. The authors report these cases in detail, analyzing their symptoms and the symptoms in thirty-two cases reported in the literature. Over half of the patients had non-radiating pain in the right upper quadrant of the abdomen under the costal margin. One-fourth complained of pain in the right side of the back. One-third had symptoms of cystitus, and one-third had chills and fever. About one-fourth had gross hematuria. In two-thirds of the cases physical examination was negative.

In conclusion the authors state that solitary cyst of the upper pole of the kidney must be taken into consideration in the differential diagnosis of the cause of pain in the right upper quadrant of the abdomen, especially when the findings of cholecystographic examination are normal. The most accurate means of diagnosing solitary renal cysts is pyelography.

FRANK M COCHEMS, M D

Ockerblad, N. F., Carlson, H. E., and Simon, J. F: The Effect of Morphine upon the Human Ureter J Urol., 1935, 33 356

In a review of the literature the authors found that the opinion most generally held regarding the action of morphine on the intact human ureter does not agree with the pharmacology of morphine which has been established in the research laboratory

In a study of the effect of morphine by tracings according to Trattner's method which was made in the cases of twenty-four patients, it was found that the drug caused a marked increase in the ureteral tone and in the amplitude of the ureteral contractions. The effect was produced in from two to five minutes and persisted for three hours or longer. Atropine in doses of 1/100 gr invariably stopped the contractions of the morphine-stimulated ureter, producing a consequent loss of tone, but did not act strikingly or constantly when given alone

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Rizzi R Ureterectasia Without Mechanical Obstruction Achalasia of the Ureteral Orifices (Ureterectas) senta ostatoli mecanic Acalasia degli shooch ureterally ArA tad de und 1935

Rizzi reports five cases of ureter-clasia without mechanical of truction of the urinary passages, which he believes was due to congenital achiasta of the ureteral orifices. In two cases the ureteral dilatation was bulateral in the three in which it was unalisteral it was more advanced and occurred in Jounger person. As there are records of cases of ureter-clasia in newborn infants the author Lebeses the cause; a contential disjoination of the urreteral

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Py means of an apparatus called a cystometer which was presented by Rose in 36 water was can into the bladder and the changing pressures within were registered and plotted against the amount of filling. The characteristic curve thus obtained represents the response of the bladder musculature to a gradual stretching proces and indicates the tonus and reserve trenath of the detusor mechan

\sm According to present day knowledge regarding the musculature of the umany bladder proper function of the bladder depends upon the normal coordination of three merham ms the lack the opener and the expeller. The lock con 1sts of the two sphincters, the internal and the external The operer is the trigone on the floor of the bladder. The expeller is the de trusor or the musculature of the bladder wall Weakne's of the sphincters will cause incontinence Weakness of the trigone and neakness of the detrusor will cause first partial and later complete retention Weakness of the sphinciers and trigone can be determined best by use of the cystoscope whereas weakness of the detrusor can be determined best by the use of the Rose custometer or a cystom eter devised by the author. The latter consists of

an irrigating jar, a Wolfe bottle and a mercury manumeter. A three way stopcock directs the water from the irrigating jar to the bladder by catheter or connects the bladder water column with the Wolfe bottle. This apparatus is easy to operate and can be easily sterile.

When the detrusor muscle is weakened, lacking normal tonus it will not respond with normal pressure rates whereas when its food is greater than normal it will respond with greater than normal ressure rates. Clinically the response will show whether a given bladder condition is neurogenic or

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Pruchaud II The Use of Irradiation in Cancers of the Bladder and the Prostate (De l'utilisation des radiations dans les cancers de la vesse et de la prestate) I d'urd moi étehr tott, 30 97

The use both of surgnal and tread atton treatment for cancer of the urmary bladder and the proviate gland has yielded disappronting results. The author air-mpts to evaluate the two methods and determine their sudcations.

Cancers of the bladder are radiosensitive but the conditions under which rendation can be employed are extremely unfavorable. In the application of external irradiation only one portal of entry is available and as the sensitivity of the skin and the tamor is too nearly the same adequate treatment.

is impossible Local irradiation is difficult to apply because of the mobility of the bladder, the thinness of its wall, and its proximity to the peritoneum and the pelvic cellular tissues. As radium needles cannot he placed about the tumor perpendicularly to the wall, only the surface of the tumor can be treated However, radium has its uses. The technique of radium treatment is as follows

The bladder is opened widely When the tumor is located elsewhere than in the trigone, the needles are placed in and parallel with the wall and parallel with one another at intervals of from 1/2 to 1 cm. They should extend beyond the limits of the tumor into healthy tissue To prevent the bladder from contracting it is filled with gauze. When the tumor is situated in the trigone it is surrounded by the needles which are introduced vertically into the Filling the bladder with gauze is bladder wall unnecessary Depending upon the type of irradiation, the dose varies between 1 and 2 mc per square centimeter of area treated A total dose of 15 mc is the minimum. It may be increased to 30 mc in tumors of the trigone

As the action of the radium is purely local, the pelvis is irradiated with the X-rays through multiple skin areas. It is perhaps hest to begin the treatment with X-ray irradiation in order to avoid the delay

necessitated by the cystostomy

X-ray and radium therapy being difficult to apply under conditions which permit them to be effective, operative treatment is to be preferred.

Most suitable for surgical removal are well-limited pedunculated cancers The electric knife, electrocoagulation, or simple resection may be employed Tumors back of the trigone are best treated by partial cystectomy of variable extent. When the tumor is anterior to the ureters, radium therapy is most effective and is to high a mortality to warrant its consideration. Tumors which have extended beyond the limits of the bladder can he treated only palliatively by electrocoagulation per-

formed with the hladder open.

In cancer of the prostate the conditions are entirely different The cancer is extremely radiosensitive and the prostate is a fixed organ which is relatively accessible However, the depth of the lesion places it heyond effective external irradiation The conditions for local treatment are quite favorable, but as the action of radium is purely local, only well-limited lesions can be henefited Radium is applied through a standard perineal incision Needles containing the radium at two levels are placed along the lateral surfaces of the gland about I cm apart The needles should be sufficiently long to extend from the summit to the hase. The dose is from 20 to 30 mc A retention catheter is sufficient to drain the bladder The radium is supplemented by external radiotherapy of the pelvis. The results of this treatment are rendered mediocre by urmary retention which necessitates cystostomy in ahout half the cases, and by metastases to the pelvic lymph

nodes However, a few lasting cures are obtained and radium gives far more satisfactory results than

surgery.

Cancers which develop in an adenoma must be considered separately. They are usually discovered after removal of the adenoma and as a rule the patient remains well. Even when the adenoma is adherent because of what appears to be malignant infiltration its removal is advisable. The patient will be benefited at least by the re-establishment of normal micturition. Albert F De Groat, M D

Hyman, A.: Suprapubic Cystotomy with Excision and Irradiation in the Treatment of Malignant Tumors of the Bladder. Am J. Surg., 1035, 28 5

For the implantation of radon seeds in malignant bladder tumors Hyman prefers open operation to the closed method as it permits better visualization of the extent, character, and infiltration of the lesion

The emptied bladder is exposed by a suprapubic incision. After the peritoneum is sponged upward the abdominal wall is widely retracted and the bladder well isolated with large moist pads. Between two blunt clamps the bladder is opened with an endotherm needle from the vault downward. Bladder retractors are placed in position for better visualization. After sections are removed with the endotherm needle the proliferating part is resected and the base coagulated.

Non-removable platinum seeds of radon with a strength of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mc are embedded through special rigid introducers i cm apart. The number of seeds required depends upon the size of the tumor. The introducers are allowed to remain in position until the first row is planted. The location of the tumor determines the depth of the seeds. The bladder is bathed with 50 per cent alcohol. The bladder pads are changed and fresh instruments are used for the

closure Dramage is established

This method is suitable especially for cases of large growths in the trigone, inoperable growths, multiple growths, and recurrent tumors, and those in which the patient's general condition is poor

In 81 cases treated prior to 1930 the mortality was 13 per cent Many of the patients were poor risks Since 1930, the mortality has been decreased by less

extensive mobilization of the bladder

Bladder resection is done in all cases in which the tumor is favorably situated and the general condi-

tion justifies it. It is preferred to radium

The technique described by Beer in 1921 is followed. The bladder is exposed and mobilized. If the peritoneum is not involved, mobilization is not difficult. If the peritoneum is involved, it is left attached to the bladder and the peritoneal cavity is closed by suturing the anterior parietal peritoneum to the peritoneum in the pouch of Douglas. The vasa deferentia are ligated. The hladder is opened and the growth exposed and fulgurated.

With the needle electrode the hladder incision is enlarged well beyond the limits of the tumor or induration. If the ureter is involved it is cut across

from 1 to 2 cm above the bladder and implanted into the posterior bladder wall through a stab wound The wound and bladder are bathed with 50 per cent alcohol Fresh pads and instruments are used Dramage is established and the wound closed

In int, seven cases the mortality was as per cent Total cystectomy with partial prostatectomy is indicated if there is extensive involvement of the trigone and ureters, if the aphincter is involved if the p ostate has been invaded if the greater part of the blad fer has been involved, or if mult ple immors

cover too large an extent for radon implantation The bladder is mobilized Each ureter is ligated as near the bladder as possible. The anterior attach ments of the prostate are cut. The prostate is freed from the rectum so that the bladder, semipal vesicles and prostate are in one mass. The pro tate is transfixed with beavy cutgut and is excised with

the endotherm reedle proturnal to the cutures. The ureters are brought out for a distance of a or 3 cm through small gridien wounds on each s de just internal to the anterior superior spine and are sutured to the sim Ureteral catheters or small rubber tubes are passed to the renzi pelves. Drain

age is estable hed down to the stamp of the postate and the wounds are closed. The ureters must be

carefully watched In nineteen cases the mortality was an per cent In conclusion the author emphasizes the importance of careful diar nosis pre-operative preparation, transfusion if indicated the Trendelenburg po i tion the intravenous administration of glucose dur ing the operation and the use of spinal ethylene or nifrous prude and oxygen anesthesia. He states that the main postoperative essentials are tran fusions and continuous intravenous infusions of glucose

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#### GENITAL ORGANS

Rich A R On the Frequency of Occurrence of Occult Carcinoma of the Prostate J brol 1015 31 21.

Of 202 consecutive autopases performed on males over fifty years of age who died of a mide variety of condit one carcinoma of the prostate was found in 14 per cent. In 65 9 per cent of the cases in which the diagnosis was made at autops; the presence of a carcinoma of the pro tate had not been recognized chinically. The tumor was found most often near the outer margin of the gland and showed a tendency FRANK MI COCHEMS, M D to myade the capsule

Radical Operation for Teratorus Hinman F Testis im J Surg 1935 9 16

There is confusion as to the merits of and the time for radical operation for teratoma testis

The pathological classification of these teratomas is difficult. Almost all are malivnant. All metasta size first to the primary lymph zone of the testis Some are radio en itive and others radioresistant Not all secrete a gonadotropic bormone into the

Microscopic study will not show which of them will respond to irradiation

At p event two groups are recognized. The rare homologous types sarcomas and monocellular semi nomas do not excrete a hormone. The heterologous tumors include the mixed tumors of a fult to sue and the embryonal tumors arising from the totipotent sex cells. Unly the latter excrete a hormone

If the hormone has disappeared by the weeks after castration and the tumor is tadio en itive the Prognous is good If the tumor is rachoresistant the progno is is fair If the hormone is present but diminishes or disappears under irradiation the prov noses is fair If there is no change the prognosis is poor If there is evidence of metastases but the hormone and metast uses decrease or disappear under artadiation the prognosis is fair but otherwise it is poor Because of marked variation in the hormone output following irradiation, this test is now con sidered uncertain

If it is to give good results radical operation like castration must be performed early and on patients who do not show metastases In the author's cases, the cord is divided with the cautery high in the inguinal canal and after the has been done frozen ections are made of the tests by an expert patholo fast The incision is then extended up along the edge of the rectus and continued out beneath the twelfth sib. Gentle tract on is made on the cord to prevent the spermatic vessels and possibly the ureter from becoming stripped up with the peritoreum over the up to the Lidney pedicle

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acrum care is taken to avoid injury to the middle "acral actory The wreter is freed and retracted with a narrow tape. The spermanic vessels are clamped As an assum of the orimary and secondary lymph

nodes on both sides may occur early operation should attempt the removal of both groups Dis section on the left aide is complicated by the auperior

mesenteric arters

The author reports to ty nine case. Twenty five or the nationts showed no clinical evidence of metas Of the fourteen who were subjected to the radical operation ten are living and have a good progno is Of seven in whom no metastases were found at operation six are living after from one to eight years. Of seven who showed metastases at operation four are hving after from three months to fourteen years. Tight of eleven t eated by castra. tion and irradiation are alive. One has a good prognous at the end of two years. Four have a fair prognosis. One presents evidence of metastases and increasing hormone after seven years. Three who were treated one three and seven years ago show increasing hormone. The remainder have a poor progress because of metastases and increasing

Of the twenty-nine who presented clinical evidence of metastasis, nine are alive. Four who were treated from a few months to five years ago have a fair prognosis. The tumors are radiosensitive although the hormone is present. In the cases of five, the tumors are radioresistant and the prognosis is poor CLAUDE D. PICKRELL, M. D.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Barelay, I. B., and Baird, J. B.: Excretion Urography. Brit J Radiol, 1935, 8: 201

The authors analyze 385 consecutive cases in which excretion urography was done They state that excretion urography is especially useful in the differential diagnosis of intra-abdominal conditions with urological symptoms It is functional and dynamic, whereas retrograde pyelography is anatomical In the technique used by the authors a plain roentgenogram is made first and, after the injection, roentgenograms are taken at the end of three, ten, and thirty minutes. In the 3 exposures made after the injection the outline of the conducting system varies according to the position of systole or diastole. In general the roentgenogram made after three minutes is the most informative as regards renal function, but good concentration persisting after thirty minutes is suggestive of an abnormality such as hydronephrosis, ureteral obstruction, infection, or oxaluria

In cases of painless hematuria, whether coustant or intermittent, examination by excretion urography

should be done early

It is of value also in renal lithiasis. Plain plates should be made first on inspiration and expiration to ascertain whether the shadow moves with the kidney. In cases of non-opaque stones excretion urography may give sufficient evidence to justify exploration. It is invaluable in checking recovery following operative procedures.

In tuberculosis it differentiates the normal and the pathological side. Fringing or a bulbous deformity of the terminal portion of the cally and its tortuous elongation and irregularity are strongly

suggestive of early tuberculous disease.

Lycretion urography is especially helpful in the cases of children, who are not good subjects for

instrumentation.

The diagnosis of renal neoplasm requires retrograde pyelography as the intravenous urogram reveals little more than impairment of function on the affected side

Excretion urography is valuable in cases of ureteral conditions. In many of these cases the retrograde method may be dispensed with entirely.

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Desjardins, A. U., Stuhler, L. G., and Popp, W. C.:
Fever Therapy for Gonococcic Infections J.
An. M. 188, 1935, 194-873

Retween December, 1033, and September, 1034, thirty-three patients suffering from simple urethritis

or urethritis complicated by cervicitis, salpingitis, or arthritis were referred for fever therapy. Four must be excluded because they did not return after the first session of fever or failed to cooperate

Of the twenty-nine remaining patients, twenty-five received systematic treatment and were cured

The average number of sessions of fever required to effect a cure was five and four-tenths sessions. The largest number of sessions required was twelve in one case. This large number was necessary because, during the early sessions, an adequate degree of fever was not attained or was not maintained long enough. The lowest number of sessions of fever required for cure in any case was three

Four patients were not cured, probably because the required degree of temperature could not be attained or consistently maintained for a sufficient time

During the early phase of this work the sessions of fever were repeated only when the urethral discharge re-appeared, that is, after a lapse of from three to seven days. Later, only two days intervened between sessions

At first also a rectal temperature between 41 r degrees C. (106 degrees F.) and 41 7 degrees C. (107 degrees F) was maintained for five hours in most cases, but in some cases such a degree of fever was not attained or was not consistently maintained for five hours. This explains why a few patients required as many as seven or ten sessions and one patient required twelve sessions of fever for cure.

The first two sessions are regarded as test sessions. In these sessions a temperature between 41 the degrees C (106 degrees F) and 417 degrees C (107 degrees F) is maintained for six hours. If by the end of that time the urethral discharge continues and gonococci are still found in smears, the duration of subsequent sessions is increased to seven or eight hours. With such a scheme of treatment more than four sessions of treatment are seldom necessary. The possibilities of the method are illustrated by the case of a man who was cured of gonococcic urethritis after four sessions of fever and the case of his wife who was cured of gonococcic urethritis with a complicating unilateral salpingitis after six sessions.

Well-controlled diabetes does not contra-indicate fever therapy for gonococcic infection or for any other condition for which fever therapy may be indicated. This conclusion is supported by a cure obtained by fever therapy in the case of a man with

diabetes

When fever therapy is properly carried out with specially trained nurse technicians in constant attendance and the constant supervision of a physician familiar with all phases of such treatment, and when the cases are carefully selected, only minor complications need be anticipated. These include harpes labilities, an occasional skin blister, and muscular tetany (hands, feet, and sometimes the abdomen), which promptly disappears on the administration of carbon dioxide and oxygen or the intravenous injection of calcium gluconate.

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and chloride during treatment.

Fever therapy, especially for conditions requiring a high temperature should be given in so institution where adequate facilities and a trained personnel are available. It cannot be carried out in conjunction with other medical practive without an increase in

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Aurzenberger E. The Treatment of Limpho granulomatosis Inguinalis—Climatte Buboes (Let Frage of therapeutschen Rehandlung der Limphogranulomato) incunalis—Umatische Bu bonen) 1024 Hämburg Di sertation

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gland serves as an antigen. One tenth of a cubic centimeter injected intracutaneou ly into the arm gives rise in twenty four hours to papular influence tions about r cm in diameter around which a red halo forms at the end of forty eight hours.

The etiology is not clear Bacilli have not been demonstrated with certainty The incubation period is from ten to thirty days. There is no universally Surgical treatment with applicable treatment curettement of the glards roentgen irradiation and chemotherapy are considered. Drugs that have been tried are autimony (this may cause nephrosis or exanthems), aslicylic and ammoniated copper sulphate and methylene blue. Stimulation therapy by the tajection of milk or protein bodies and specific vaccines prepared from the dried contents of the glands has been used with varying results. The author reports on treatment with maximal fever The result of this treatment consi to in shortening the period of healing and depends upon excitation of a maximal general reaction on the part of the organism Pyrifer is used to produce the fever and, later mixed vaccines of colon bacilli staphyl ococci s reptococci and gonococci (Omnivali Five or six tijections are ufficient for cure. The injections are made intravenously in increa ing doses of from 2 to 3 c cm. If possible they are reade during the stage of seffening otherwise they are preceded by bot applications If hatulas are present local irrigations with potassium permanganate are given For resistant cases the author recommends the in section of autovaccine in addition to fever therapy (HINRICHSEN) FLORE OF ANNAH CARPENTER.

# SURGERY OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS

# CONDITIONS OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS, ETC.

Livingston, S. K.: Demineralization of the Skeleton. Ar. J. Surg., 1935, 27–413.

The author reports tive cases of generalized decalcification proved by therapeutic tests, biopsy, or autopsy to have been due, respectively, to hyperparathyroidism, Paget's disease, multiple mycloma, ostelitis fibrosa cystica, and tumor metastases

Hyperparathyreidism is characterized by loss of calcium and phosphorus fixation with resulting failure of retention of these elements in the hones; an increase in the serum calcium, calcinuris, a normal calcium and phosphorus content in the feces, a los content of phosphorus in the setum, an increase in the phosphorus in the urine, and an increase in the

phosphatase in the plasma

The case reported by the author was that of a man forty-two years of age who complained of pain in the lumb ir region and weakness of the legs. Roentgenograms disclosed pathological proces es in the skull and long hones. These included widening of the shafts of the long hones, a mottled appearance of the bones with superimposed punched out areas, and a compression fracture of the foarth lumb revertebra. The blood calcium ranged from 29.4 to 10.5 mgm, and the secum phosphorus from 50 to 30 mgm, per 100 c. cm. I ollowing deep roentgen therapy, roentgenograms showed marked improvement in the bone condition. The patient is now able to walk.

Paget's disease is characterized chiefly by softening and hyperplasia of the bones. The outer table of the cramum undergoes a remarkable thickening and, in the roentgenogram, has a woolly appear-Studies made with the patient at rest on a test diet show the serum calcium to be at the upper limits of normal, the serum phosphorus normal, the metabolic rate increased, calcineria and phosphaturia absent, the plasma phosphatase increased, and the excretion of phosphorus and calcium in the feces normal. The onset of the condition begins in middle life or later. The first sign is often enlargement of the skull, but in some cases may be deformities of the tibia. In the roentgenogram the bones have a woolly appearance and show increased thickness. In wellmarked cases the diagnosis can often be made merely by observing the attitude, gait, and deformities

The case of Paget's disease reported by the author was that of a man forty-two years of age who complained of weakness in the lower part of the spine. The patient was a man of short stature with a barrel-shaped chest, a large cranial yault, and some bowing of the lower extremities. Roentgenograms disclosed enlargement of the cranial yault and thickening and

mottling of the cranial and long bones. The serum calcium was 13.2 mgm., and the serum phosphorus 3.5 mgm., per 100 c.cm. The hasd metaboliser was 4-600. Deep roentgen irrediation and symptomatic treatment were given, but the patient died. Autopsyconfirmed the chimical diagnosis of Paget's disease and showed, in admittion, a pyclonephritis with multiple absects in both kidneys.

Multiple my cloma is a neoplistic disease of un-From Causation characterized by multiple tumors of the bone marroy of single cell origin. Metastases outside the bone cavities are rare. The tumors are bone distroying and appear in the roentgenogram as multiple panched out are s of variable size. The condition is of insulions one t, but progresses to a stage of increased and constint pain and deformity The blood picture is not characteristic. Bence-Jones. ladies appear in the utire in from 65 to 70 per cent of cases. The diagnosis is confirmed by hopey. On the basis of the histological andings the following four type of the disease are recognized (r) the multiple plasmi cell type, (2) the multiple endothelid cell type, (3) the my clocytic cell type, and (4) the crythroblestic tell type

The author coise of multiple mycloma was that of a raph forty four years of age who give a history of pain in the lumbar region which had been present for twenty years and had finally caused him to become bedridden. Examination revealed a gibbus over the eleventh and twelfth thorace and the first lumbar spines. Roentgenograms disclosed generalized demonstration. The skull and long hones in particular showed small rounded areas of lessened density. The chiacal diagnosis of maltiple myeloma

was confirmed at autopsy

The term "osterus fibrosa evatica" is applied to a multiplicity of lesions, the most common of which is the solitary bone cost found in the long bones or young adults. Stelling, slight deformity, and moderate pun may be present, but frequently attract little attention until injury or pathological fracture is superimposed. Three types of cysts are recognized (1) solitary hone cysts occurring between the ages of five and fifteen years in the metaphysis of the upper part of the humerus, femur, or tibia, (2) an acute cyst of not more than six months duration situated in the shift side of the apply seal line and containing giant cells, and (3) latent cysts The latent type is best termed "fibrocystic disease" In some cases a parathyroid tumor is present and the blood shows an increase in its calcium content and a decrease in its phosphorus content. The histological structure of the cost wall leads to the conclusion that the process is one of fibrous proliferation and new bone formation associated with repair and healing

The case reported by the author resembled the type of bone disease called by Gru'ee, Apfelbach and Le Master osseomy elody splasta The natient entered the hospital complaining of generalized weakness and profuse sweating Roentgen examina tion revealed multiple small cystic areas in the skull a localized cyclic area in the middle of the shaft of the left humerus and at the tip of the scapula and mul iple cystic areas in the lower end of the bumerus The blood calcium ranged f om 11 4 to 12 2 mgm and the blood phosphorus from a z to 3 Sa mgm , per 100 c em Histological examination showed replacement of bone by fibrous trecue with or asional grant cells and small areas of degenerating hone

Geschulter and Copeland state that metastases to bune have an extremely variable clinical picture as the number of different primary immors responsible for such secondary deposits is large and the type of oaseous involvement may be multiple or single outcolytic, or osteopla tim. In many cases the clinical is unable to determine the source of

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( tuitant G M. The Influence of Vaccularization on the Formation of Bone in Connective Trave and the Formation of Cartilage (Linfluen a fiella vaccustrization cell ortrogeoest connectivale e nella formatione di cartilague). Arch tital di hir 1914 35 655

The author studied the effect of veneu stasss and ischemia on bone formation in the kidney of the rabbit He produced venou stasts by ligating the renal vein He observed that although at first the kidney increased in size it later became smaller and wa converted into a mass of hone and convective The effect of venous stasss on the renal parenchyma was the appearance of areas of necrosts which hest became infilirated with calcium salts and later were invaded by newly formed connective tissues. The author believes that the connective tissue contained undifferentiated me enthymal cells which absorbed the calcium salts and redeposited them in the form of bone thereby producing an osseous metaplasia of the connective tissue. The newly formed osceous to sue contained bone marrow in which there was evidence of invelopments. The myeloid cells were also derived from the undifferen trated mesenchymai cells of the connective tissue

Ischemia of the kidney was produced by lighting the renal artery. This procedure was followed by a diffuse necrosis of the renal purenchyma and the deposition of calcium salts in the neurotic areas. The remaining interstitial connective tissue problerated, invaded the neurotic areas and gave rise to relaid of cart lage. By the absorption and redeposition of the autromating calcium salts the cartilaginous tissue underwent metaplasia into home.

The author concludes that venous stalls lavors the development of connective tissue ossification and the formation of hone marrow, and ischemia favor, the development of cartisige which, in the presence of calcium salts undergoes metaplastic ossification. He believes that the believes the two properties of the presence of the control of the presence of

He believers that this biological formula of the effect of venous stasts and schema explains the thierent types of osatheation in the development of the normal sketeton and beterotopic ossifications.

FERRA ROM MD

Bennett G E and Jones H 4 Tuberculosis of a Duaphysis Report of a Case Seek Surg 193, to 66:

The authors report a case of fulrerating disphysest tuberculosis in which the nature of the condition, remained unrecognized until postmortem reammation. The lesson or curved in the mid-shift of the left femur of a colved man twenty two years of are. The authors state that tube culous of the daphysis of a long bone is exceedingly difficult to differentiate routignoryaphically from a similar differentiate routignoryaphically from a similar

lesson produced by symbils or a malgrant process. In the case reported the usual laborator, procedures for the detection of tubercle bacilla were not emplosed as tuberculosis was not suspected. In addition to the tuberculosis of the left femir the postmartem examination revealed tuberculous lessons in the best avicers.

NORMAN C BULLOR MD

Telling W H M The Clinical Importance of Fibrositis in General Practice Stat M / 1935 1 650

Telling believes that when the white fibrous i save of the body undergoes pathological change as the result of injury or infection it is always more or less tender to pressure or strain and that in many cases fibrousts is moorrecity called muscular rheums tism neuritis or growing pains of childhood.

He recognizes three main causes of fibrosits—

pps a injury and climatic influences—and believes
that disease of the white fibrous trease is often re
sponsible for headache trigerinal neuraliza certain
vague pains in the chest and abdomen and scialica

Part C Cuovas M D

McMuster I E. Cartiliginous Inclusions in Rachitle Bones and Their I ossible Relationship to Cartilaginous Tumors J Bone & Joint Surg 4013 4 373

At autop y on a five year old child who ded of tuberculous studies were made of the bones because of the history and discovery of healed rickets. Car tiliginous inclus one nere found in the epiphyees and metaphyses of the long bones and in the ribs and vertebræ. These were fairly numerous, but as they showed only faintly in the roentgenograms it is evident that such inclusions may be easily overlooked

in clinical roentgen studies

In experiments on rats in which rickets was produced by diet and the animals were killed at various periods during their recovery from the disease cartilaginous inclusions were found in the metaphyseal, epiphyseal, and cortical regions. Many of them showed calcification, but in some there was little or no evidence of calcification. The author beheves that uncalcified cartilaginous inclusions occurring in healed rickets may later grow to form benign cartilaginous tumors of bone.

CHESTER C GUY, M D

Janas, A: The Method of Cure of Tuberculous Spondylitis in the Adult (Modo di guarigione della spondilite tubercolare nell'adulto). Chir d organi di n ecimento, 1035, 10 560

The author first reviews the more important differences in tuberculous spondylitis as it occurs in children and adults. He states that the le-ions are of the following 4 types (1) the epiphyseal type, (2) the superficial type, (3) the massive destructive type,

and (4) the type with necrosis (Koemg)

He reviews 456 cases treated conservatively at the Rizzoh Institute and the Orthopedic Clinic of Monaco Cure was obtained in 256 (56 per cent) Of the latter, complete roentgenographic studies were made in 130 and follow-up roentgen studies in 94 (37 per cent). Thirty-eight patients were reexamined roentgenographically after a year Twenty-eight were followed for two years, 12 for four years, and 10 for from four to six years. The data for the 162 others are insufficient to show whether the condition has been only temporarily controlled or permanently cured.

The author next divides the cases into groups according to the patients' ages and reviews the results with regard to (1) complete somatic healing, (2) partial somatic healing, (3) peripheral healing or peripheral new formation of bone, and (4) absence of

somatic healing

He emphasizes the importance of roentgen examination and presents instructive roentgenograms

His findings and conclusions are summarized as follows

The most common type of tuberculous spondylitis in the adult is the epiphyseal type localized in the lumbar spine. The evolution of the lesion and its cure are slow and related to the age of onset.

2 Each of the 4 stages of healing has a typical

roentgen appearance

3 Of the 130 cases studied roentgenographically, 32 (246 per cent) were in the first stage. Of the patients in this group, 17 were between twenty and thirty years of age, 8 between forty and fifty, and 4 between fifty and sixty. The duration of the disease up to final anatomical cure varies with the patient's age. In the reviewed cases it varied from three and a half to four and a half years in the cases of patients.

between twenty and thirty years of age and from eight to ten years in those of patients from fifty to say years of age. In 3 of the latter the disease began between the ages of forty and fifty years

4. Somatic healing, which has hardly begun by the time walking is resumed, becomes gradually more definite, being favored by the new mechanical conditions of pressure to which the vertebral column is

subjected in the crect position

5. Of 7 cases in which peripheral somatic healing occurred, the union was sufficient in 5. In 2 cases the new marginal formation of bone in the form of small bridges was insufficient to hold the spine. In the formation of these osseous stalactites the static and dynamic changes occurring in the spine when walking is resumed play an important rôle.

6 Of 35 cases in which only partial healing occurred, definite consolidation of the spine was demon-

strated in only 7

7 Therefore, of the 130 cases studied roentgenographically, the vertebral column was well reinforced in 14 (33 8 per cent). As it is necessary to deduct 4 cases with persistent pain, a cure with good anatomical results was obtained in 40 (30 per cent)

8 These findings prove that the adult body is able to heal tuberculous foci and to produce ankylosis of the spine at the site of the lesion in a third of the cases. This fact does not detract from the importance of osteosynthesis in the treatment of tuberculous spondyhtis. However, when conservative measures are combined with operative procedures, care is necessary in estimating the relative value of each type of treatment.

Eugent T Liddy, M D

Ferguson, A. B., and Howorth, M. B: Coxa Magna: A Condition of the Hip Related to Coxa Plana. J. Am. M. 181, 1935, 104 SoS.

The authors believe that cova magna is related to cova plana and the latter is due to a nutritional disturbance of the upper femoral epiphysis from interference with the circulation caused by sclerotic changes about the neck of the femur Enlargement of the femoral head and neck may result when the sclerotic changes are not sufficient to cause cova plana

The clinical signs of cova magna resemble those of cova plana. In all of the thirteen cases reviewed by the authors there was definite or suggestive evidence of infection. Trauma did not play an important part, but may have aggravated the symptoms. Roentgenographic examination disclosed broadening of the femoral head and neck varying from 1/16 to 5/16 in. The cartilaginous joint space was wide in four cases, normal in seven, and thin in two. The capsule appeared to be distended in six. The broadening of the head and neck tended to increase for a varying time, while the other changes tended to disappear.

Exploration was done in seven cases The bone and cartilage were found essentially normal The outstanding feature was thickening of the tissues around the femoral neck and of the synovial mem-

brane and the capsule The examination revealed also congestion and sclerosis of the soft tissues small areas of mononuclear infiltration and thick walled

The diagnosis of cora magna is made when a hip presents the clinical features of a mild acute, or subacute arthritis similar to those of coxa plana or the preshpping stage of slipping epiphysis but an roentgenographic examination shows enlargement of the femoral head and neck without the changes

characteristic of the latter conditions The symptoms and physical signs of cora magna tend to improve with rest. If no treatment is given they tend to run a long course with eventual im provement The authors recommend rest in hed without immobilization treatment of focal mice tions and exploration when it is necessary to rule

Lapasset and Cahurac Congenital Absence of the Fibula (Absence congénitale du péroné)

Lapasset and Cahuzac state that congenital ab sence of the fibula is one of the most frequent mal formations In a review of the literature they found the records of 295 eases and they have observed several eases in their own clime at Toulouse

In the most interesting of the authors casesthat of a boy nine years old—the right foot was in external rotation and valgus with its sole turned backward and outward and had only four toes while the left foot was in a position of internal rotation and varus and had only three toes. The right leg was several inches shorter than the left. The child has able to hall considerable distances but on walking the body was inclined markedly to the right Roentgen examination showed total absence of the fibula on both sides marked angulation and thickening of the right tibia absence of the astrag alus in the right foot atrophy of the astragalus in the left foot and absence of the internal mailcolus

Of the cases found by the authors in the literature the fibula was absent on both sides in about one therd. In two thirds the bone was entrrely absent In the others only a portion of the bone was fact. ing In most cases the tibia was deformed and short ened In none of the reports in the literature was there a record of absence or atrophy of the internal

Of the various deformities of the foot associated with congenital absence of the fibula the most com malleolus mon are absence of the astragalus and absence of one or more toes. Of other malformatrons which may be associated with the condition the most com may ue associated with the condition are most some mon is a similar deformity of the upper extremites

on is a summar deformacy of the apper extremines. There is usually no extreme of a bereditary factor in the causation of the deformity. In the authors, case the family history was entirely negative. While such congenital deformities are usually attributed to arrested development of the fetus their essential cause remains a matter of speculation

In the authors case treatment was not attempted as the patient a family did not desire it The authors are of the opinion that when the child's growth is complete a cuneiform osteotomy should he done on the right tibia and followed by tibiotarsal arthrode is with fixation of the foot in equinus. This procedure would throw the weight on the forward part of the foot to compensate for the shortening of the leg

In general the treatment indicated in cases of congenital absence of the fibula depends upon the degree of the deformity In some cases without malformation of the tibia the use of orthopedic apparatus is sufficient to hold the foot in good posi tion In others a hone grafting operation or arthrodesis may be indicated. In eases with marked angu lation of the tibia osteotomy with a supplementary pracedure such as that suggested for the authors case is necessary

## SURGERY OF THE BONES JOINTS MUSCLES TENDONS ETC

Ifohmann G The Treatment of Traumatic Fiail Ance (Zur Behandlung des traumatischen Schlot terknies) Zentralbi f Chir 193, p 145

On the basis of the cause two types of flail knee may he recognized the flail knee due to injury of the soft parts and the flail knee due to injury of the hony structures of the joint Of the first type is the flail knee due to memseus injuries especially the flail knee following operation-whether due to weakness suce ronowing operation—whether due to weakiess of the vastus medialis musde caused by the widely exposingS incisionof Payror due to injury of the inter nal lateral ligament caused by a transverse inci ion A young man treated for lucking of the knee joint

by an operation performed through an Sincision gradually developed a marked flat knee with uncer tainty of the gait and frequent joint effusions Dis tinet atrophy of the vastus medials muscle in dicated injury of this tensor of the cansule The superficial parts of the muscle were mobilized by partly separating them from the knee joint capaule and the loner layers a distally pedunculated three cornered flap was then formed from the lateral fibrous capsule and the upper muscular flap and the lover capsular flap were sutured together under great tension. In this manner great tension of the medial capsule and its interwoven medial ligament was produced and the flail knee corrected

As an example of the second type of dail knee the author cites a case in which after avulsion of the femoral condvies apparently in the epiphyseal line fail knee developed as the result of healing of the lower short fragment in a varus and recurvate position. By means of osteotomy at the site of the injury replacement of the displaced bone fragment and shortening of the stretched lateral ligament with and significants of the selection of the ligaments was corrected and good closure of the joint was obtained The principles were those followed by Lever in the treatment of flat knock knee and gent recursatum (A BRUNNER) MATHIAS J SEITERT M.D.

Grigorescu, I., and Vasiliu, A.: The Surgical Treatment of Benign Tumors of the Knee Joint by Juvara's Operation (Die chirurgische Behandlung der benignen Tumoren des Kniegelenks mittels der Juvaraschen Operation) Beiler z klin Chir, 1934, 160 575

The authors report the cases of five patients with giant-cell sarcoma ("giant-cell sarcoids" according to Konjetzny) of the knee joint, four of whom were treated by extripation of the tumor and bone transplantation by the method of Juvara and kept under observation for a number of years. As it was feared that the excision of a specimen for biopsy might cause dissemination of the tumor cells, the diagnosis was based entirely on the typical roentgen picture

The first case was that of a girl twenty-one years old who had a large cystic bone sarcoma of the proximal end of the right tibia. Four years after the operation a pseudarthrosis developed between the distal end of the femur and the proximal end of the new tibia formed by a transplant from the femur. After its resection, rapid ossification took place and the roentgenogram soon showed the picture observed after resection of the knee

The second case was that of a woman twenty-four years old who had a club-shaped tumor of the lower end of the femur. Two years after resection and transplantation, operation became necessary for a pseudarthrosis. Five years after the second operation the condition was as good as in the first case and the patient was able to walk almost without limping.

The third case was that of a girl seventeen years old who had a tumor the size of an apple in the proximal end of the left tibia. At first the patient refused resection. Later, amputation was performed by another surgeon. Pain developed in the amputation stump.

The fourth case was that of a very corpulent woman with a chondroma the size of an apple in the proximal end of the tibia. Two and a half months after operation a sequestrum separated from the medial surface of the bone transplant, but four years after the operation there was complete union of the transplant with the tibia and femur

The fifth case was that of a girl eighteen years old who had a pear-shaped cystic giant-cell sarcoma the size of a child's head in the lower end of the right femur. The tumor was removed and the defect filled with bone from the tibia. A roentgenogram taken two years later showed bony union of the transplant.

The operative technique varies according to whether the tumor involves the distal femoral or the proximal tibial epiphysis. The authors therefore designate the operations as Operation A and Operation B. Operation A, performed under lumbar anesthesia, consists of extirpation of the distal end of the femur and immediate transplantation of a spicule of bone from the same side of the tibia. In Operation B, the bones are treated in the reverse

manner. Both methods are described in detail and shown by illustrations

The after-treatment consists in the application of a plaster dressing which is left on for five or six months. At the end of that time the patient may walk with crutches and with the leg in a leather case. Complete healing cannot be expected before three or four years.

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## FRACTURES AND DISLOCATIONS

Hey Groves, E. W.: Organization of the Treatment of Fractures. Brit M J, 1935, 1 813.

The author compares the results obtained in cases of fracture treated in organized clinics with those obtained in similar cases treated elsewhere states that in cases with no unity of control, no continuity of treatment, and no "follow-up," the average period of disability is three times as long and the incidence of permanent disability is thirty-seven times as high as in well treated cases. In Manchester and Liverpool complete fracture services have been established He cites illustrative cases of. (1) failure due to lack of supervision, (2) failure due to error in the primary treatment, and (3) failure due to divided responsibility. He urges that the scheme for an organized fracture clinic proposed by the Fracture Committee of the British Medical Association be adopted more generally He believes that it would pay the insurance companies to finance such clinics BARBARA B STIMSON, M D.

Ruhl, J.: Follow-Up Investigations Regarding the Injurious Effect on Bones of Buried Large Metal Bodies Used in the Treatment of Fractures (Nachuntersuchungen auf schaedigende Wirkung in den Knochen versenkter grosser Metallkoerper bei Knochenbruechen) Arch f orthop Chir., 1934, 34 615

In Germany the old dispute regarding the introduction of metal in the treatment of fractures still persists, while in America, England, France, and Belgium this procedure is not feared Boehler stated that he was definitely opposed to buried metal because, of 274 fractures treated by Lane's method, osteitis developed in 35 per cent and pseudarthrosis in 7 per cent (Dahl-Iversen). However, he failed to mention the fact that in 53 per cent the osteitis completely disappeared within four months after removal of the plate, in 80 per cent in the first year, and in the remaining 20 per cent in from one to three years Kirschner, Magnus, Fohl, E W Lever, Bonn, and Mueller also disagree with Koenig, Frisch, Lauer, Gerlach, Schaefer, and Muehsam

Ruhl made a follow-up investigation in cases treated from six to eleven years previously. In r8 cases Lane plates were applied. Only 10 of the patients returned for re-examination, but fortunately these were good subjects for such a study. Ruhl does not state whether, in the cases of the 8 others, the fate of the plate was reported in written

communications. Aims cases are reported in detail with roentgenograms. Ruhl states that in his opinion, Laine's method is the method of chance for certain fractures it is to be recommended for fore arm fractures, and it is suitable for children and

other young persons

If suppuration occurs or a fistula forms removal of the plates is, of course, necessary After from eight to ten weeks this can usually be done without endangering consolidation. In r of the cases fol lowed up by Ruhl a late fistula was formed. In the lower leg removal of the plate comes up for considera tion earlier because the position is close under the skin The plates must always be large. The screws should be of rustless Lrupp steel They should go through both cortices and should have threads up to their heads. Their projection beyond the opposite cortex usually does no harm as souner or later callus will grow around the projecting part as it does over the plate. In the period from 1915 to 1910 no preudarthroses were seen at the Koerie Chine Senal roentgenograms show that the fracture line as well as the absorption often remain visible for a long time even for many years. Ultimately scierosis occurs and as a rule especially in young persons is followed by complete restoration with a medultary (IRANE) BARBARA B STUSON MD

#### Heyl J II Fracture of the External Condyle of the Humerua in Children 4nn Surg 1935 201 1060

Heal atates that emphyseal separations of the external condyle of the humerus of slight degree are relatively common but complete separation with rotation of the fragments is unusual. He reports five cases of complete separation which were een at St Mary a Huspital for Children, New York during the last eight years. The case histories are preceded by a general discussion of fractures of this type. In a review of the literature Heyl frund that of the total number of reputed fractures of the external cord; ie complete separation of the lower fragment occurred in only a small percentage. Cases of the latter type usually present a deformity similar to that described by Morns Smith The fixed point of the attachment of the lower fragment as through the external lateral I gament to the radius below. In the typical case the fractured surface is turned outward so that it is subcutaneous while the articular surface of the capt tellum is directed toward the fractured surface of the shatt. If the dispiscement is not consecred valgus deformity may result and may cause serious functional disturbances sometimes even repary of the ulnar nerve. The diagnosis is not difficult

He j) believes that open reduction should be attempted when closed reduction is not successful He states that while existion of the displaced epiph yas may give good results in some cases it may also result in frightful deformity. Excision in the cases of children should be discouraged, exi in late cases if it is ever justified in the cases of children it should be done only near the end of the period of growth Replacement of the fragment should be done as soon after the nurry a prossible. After the operation the forearm should be maintained in gente sizono for two weeks. Aft the end of that turn entire motion should be started. A good immediate result may end in valgus afforming because of failure of growth. Even in these cases however the deforming will be much isses than in cases treated by version. Of the five cases reviewed by the suther, four were treated by open redigators and in one errors.

of the fragment was done

The article is supplemented by photographs and roentgenograms

Bannan B Strany M D

Lereuf J and Godard H Open Reduction of Supracond/lar Fractures of the Humerus in Children (La réduction surglaine des fractures supra-cond/lienne de l'humérus chez l'enfant) J deckir 1935, 44 518

Supracondylar fractures in children are frequently very difficult to reduce. Were fraction through the dina gives excellent results but requires careful supervision and frequent bedside focation examinations to control the position. Open reduction can give very suisfactory results although it has met

with considerable opposition

The authors describe their operature technique. The wanks a bestearine in one facety over the lateral epocodyle and extend it behind the supraisor longuist to the frienciare site. The radial nerve is at the upper rad of the invision and can be substacted to the present and the processor of the model of the processor of the proc

too may be begun on the fifth or with day but maintenance of the sphat for two weeks gives greater security. At the authors have so far followed no cases be jond a year the question of interference with the external articular cartilage by this operation; in old manufact.

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measures 4 mm by 5 or 6 cm. The aporeurosis and slin are then sutured and a splint 1 applied. Mo

Hein B J Fractures of the Forestm An Analysis of 415 Cases with Special Reference to Dis abilities J Bone & Joint Du 2 1935 17 172

The author reviews are fractures of the foream with regard to the enationizal and functional end results and the time lost. Sixty six and seven results of the forearm as a per cent of the fractures occurred in the love that of the forearm as a per cent on their the forearm as a per cent on their the forearm as a per cent on their the forearm as a per cent of the forearm and returned by plaster or computation sphints followed by boling massing and motion begun as early as was consist.

ent with good results Tracings from roentgenograms, short case histories, and many tables are included in the article

Thirty-eight (9 per cent) of the cases were treated by operation In 15 of these, resection of the radial head was done Good results were obtained in 87 per cent of the surgically treated cases

Nerve injury was found in only I case This was a case of fracture of the upper third of both bones with injury to the median nerve due to extensive loss of the soft parts There were no cases of Volk-

mann's ischemic paralysis

The author concludes that fractures of the forearm usually heal well. The time lost varies with the location and nature of the fracture, the presence or absence of complications, and the patient's occupation and age Of the cases reviewed, the period of disability was longest in those of fracture of both bones in the middle, upper, and lower thirds, those of fracture of the middle third of the radius, those of fracture of the middle third of the ulna, and those in which late resection of the head of the radius was done In fractures in the lower third of the forearm, especially Colles' fractures without comminution, healing occurs rapidly with good results Fractures in the middle third present more of a problem, as shown by poor results and longer periods of disability Fractures in the upper third involve chiefly the olecranon and head of the radius. In fractures of the olecranon surgery gives excellent results. In fractures of the head of the radius without displacement conservative treatment gives good results, whereas in those with displacement, the best results are obtained by early resection

BARBARA B STIMSON, M D

Agrifoglio, M: Isolated Fracture of the Odontoid Process of the Axis (Le fratture isolate dell'apolisi odontoidea dell'epistrosco). Chir d organi di mocimento, 1935, 19 577

Traumatic lesions involving the first two cervical vertebræ have not been reported very frequently, but since the use of roentgenography a greater number have been described than previously. The literature contains statistics on fracture of the odontoid process aecompanied by luxation of the atlas, but scarcely any mention of uncomplicated fractures of the odontoid

The author reports a case of isolated fracture of the odontoid process of the axis in a woman fifty-two years of age who fell and hit the ground on the right side of her head and neck. After the accident the patient resumed her work, but three days later she became dizzy and fell again, hitting the back of her head. Shortly thereafter she found movement of the head almost impossible because of extreme pain in the neck. After a few days, during which time she remained in bed, she consulted a physician The physician first applied a salve. When this failed to relieve the pain, he immobilized the neck in a plaster-of-Paris cast for twenty days. On removal of the cast the pain in the neck recurred. The pa-

tient then reported at the author's clinic She held her head rigid in mild extension

Examination revealed rigidity of the neck and shoulders with contracture of the sternocleidomastoid muscles, tenderness on pressure over the second cervical spinous process, and notable limitation of the movements of the head. Pressure on the posterior pharyngeal wall disclosed nothing abnormal except markedly increased pain. When the patient changed from the lying to the sitting position or vice versa she supported her head in her hands. Roentgenograms revealed a fracture of the odontoid without displacement. A plaster collar was applied and left on for a period of three months. Thirty days after removal of the collar, movements of the neck and shoulders were much less painful than before

The author states that such fractures are most common in men between twenty and fifty years of age. He believes that while they may be caused by direct trauma, they are usually produced by indirect violence. The pain is not well localized. Frequently it radiates to the back. The head is usually held normally, but sometimes is inclined to one side. Some patients hold the head with their hands, especially when changing position. This may be a very important sign. In some cases there is difficulty in swallowing which is probably due to a hematoma in the posterior wall of the pharynx. Roentgen examination should include an anteroposterior view through the open mouth and a lateral view.

In only two of the reported cases was there definite evidence of bony healing. In the majority of cases healing occurs by fibrous union. The prognosis is regarded as good if the condition is properly treated. The treatment indicated is the application of a plaster support for a number of months. The author emphasizes the importance of adequate and sufficiently prolonged immobilization.

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Jahss, S. A.: Injuries Involving the Ihum. A New Treatment. J. Bore & Joint Surg., 1935, 17, 338

The author describes his method of reducing fractures of the pubis, separation of the symphysis pubis, and central fractures of the acetabulum by means of turnbuckles fastened between two leg plaster casts. The casts, properly padded, extend from the groin to the toes. Incorporated in them are the receptors for the turnbuckles, one set near the groin and one at the lower part of the legs. The greatest depth of the turnbuckle is exactly opposite the direction of the force. When the proximal turnbuckle is used as a fulerum, closure of the distal turnbuckle exerts force directed outward on the pelvis. When the direction of the pull of the turnbuckles is reversed, the force on the pelvis is reversed.

The author has used the described method in two cases and on two specimens in the dissecting room.

The article contains roentgenograms and diagrams

BARBARA B STIMSON, M.D.

MacAusland A R Separation of the Capital Femoral Epiphysis J Bone & Joint Surg 1935 17 353

The author reviews forth five cases of separation of the upper femoral epiphs use seen in his chinar during the lisht threshy two years. Twenty-one of the patients; gave a bisotry of injusty. The midd cases were treated by the application of a flarned handage or leather space. Cases with slight or moderate distribution of the contraction of the contract

MacAurland states that the reduction may be determ and accurately by use of the curved cassette going vertical wews of the femoral pact. If be heven that six months is required for firm union to take place and that the space hould be nor during, that period with weight bearing. Advanced cases require open reduction. I ongstanding cases with

cota vara may require estectority

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The author concludes that successful results from closed reduction depend upon (r) early institution of the treatment (a) complete reduction, and (3) arrive treatment for a sufficiently long period

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Conn H R The Treatment of Fractures of the On Calcin J Pon & Joint Surg 2035, 1 392

The author presents a study of seventy two fractures of the or cake, ci dvs squads type with disruption of the tuber angle and lateral expansion of the tuberosty. In all of the twenty six old cases there was promation of the heels with planus of the long arches valena of the foreloot and persistent disabling pain. Thirt, mue fresh and old fractures were treated by subastragalar arthrodes; the fresh fractures, by combured lateral compression and skeletal traction fourteen fresh fractures by lateral corpression and skeletal fractures by lateral corpression and skeletal fractures by lateral corpression and skeletal fraction followed after pix weeks by subastragalar actragato caphoid and citaenocolo of fission and art old fractures by triple fission only. Five patients with cight lessons refused treatment.

While exact conclusions are believed to be impossible because of the influence of present reonomic conditions on the nationts estimates of their disabilities the author believes that simple subastrae alar arthrodesis failed to vield sati factory results to at least one third of the fresh fracture and one half of the old fractures Failure of fu ion was found about equal in the sati-factory and the unsatisfac tory results. As at was attributed chiefly to troward displacement or shortening of the tuberosity lateral compre sion with sheletal traction was most uted in tive cases. However, the latter welded only milife. ent results. On exploration six weeks after the insure marked ero-ion and roughening of the articular carrilage were found Anatomical studies showed that depression of the systemaculum tab permits sublutation of the astragalo caphoid and calcangocuboid saints. Therefore triple fusions are nere ary to eliminate the serious mid tarsal joint distortion The author discusses the anatomical principles in detail He believes that positive restoration of the normal contour of the foot and permanent D eserca tion of the long arch are accomplished by triple fusion. He describes his traction apparatus for corsertion of the upward displacement and shortening of the or cakes. The pine are inserted usually from two to four days after the injury the position is corrected by manipulation and traction and a well pad led plaster ca t incorporating the pins is then applied The cast and pins are lett in place for four neeks At the end of that time they are terroved and a neel or so later the triple fusion to done Reight bearing is a usity allowed eight weeks after the second operation Of gineteen fresh fractures treated in this manner excellent results here ob tained in all but two. Of six old fractures in which traple fusion was done the re ults were good in all BARBURA B. STIM ON M.D. but one

# SURGERY OF THE BLOOD AND LYMPH SYSTEMS

## BLOOD VESSELS

De Takats, G.: Peripheral Vascular Disease. J. im M. .1ss . 1035, 104 1463

The author believes that thousands of persons with progressive interference with their pempheral circulation are either entirely unconscious or only mildly conscious of the condition Their feet may be pulseless but still in a state of compensation. In such cases the margin of safety is minimal "Rheumatie" pains come and go with changes in the weather, mechanical stress, or emotional disturbances. An occasional numbness or tingling is disregarded. In the usual routine physical examination the state of the peripheral circulation is disregarded as the pedal pulses are seldom pulpated. A sudden increase in the interference with the peripheral blood flow is usually an aggravation of a chronic progressive arterial obstruction that might have been predicted if a careful examination had been made. As a rule the general practitioner sees such cases first

The author reviews the different methods of examination for determining the state of the periph-Examination of the peripheral eral blood vessels pulse, the determination of the skin temperature, and the study of changes of color with posture may be done by any general practitioner without elaborate equipment. The author discusses the significance of changes found by these examinations In the study of patients with manifest or suspected vascular disease, the cutaneous histamine reaction may be of aid in determining the lowest level of safe amputation after the development of frank gangrene During a course of conservative treatment, the histamine reaction may be of aid in determining improvement in the collateral circulation

A great deal of information about the peripheral blood vessels may be gained by the use of the ordinary blood-pressure apparatus The oscillometer is far more satisfactory, however, as it shows the level of vascular obstruction, the intensity of myocardial contractions, and the degree of elasticity of the vessel walls The test recently described by Landis and Gibbon, in which a reflex dilatation of the vessels of the lower extremities is produced by applying heat to the skin of the upper extremities, not only reveals the element of spasm in a given case, but is of prognostic value as it measures the available collaterals

After dividing peripheral vascular lesions into organic and functional groups the author briefly discusses the chief principles in their treatment. In the organic group the congenital anomalies, which mostly take the form of multiple arteriovenous fistulas, are to be treated surgically if they can be approached. Traumatic lesions of arteries produce

thrombosis, expulsive hemorrhage, or aneurism. Their management is purely surgical Non-mechanical injuries caused by cold, heat, lead, arsenic, radium, X-rays, and electricity always produce the same reaction in the vessel wall, namely, a proliferation of the intima, subintimal cushions of granulated tissue, stenosis, and, finally, thrombosis of the artery. The treatment of all such injuries is highly conservative The vessel spasm that occurs as the result of direct or reflex stimulation of the arterial musculature seems to be relieved best by large doses of theobromine sodium acetate Collateral circulation is encouraged by heat and the use of intermittent negative pressure.

In the infectious group of organic lesions the administration of triple typhoid vaccine, strongly advocated for Buerger's disease, has been the method of choice in the author's clinic. Because of the increased viscosity of the blood, a water intake of from 3 to 4 gt. should be maintained. The author has been influenced against performing sympathectomies in Buerger's disease, first, because it is a generalized vascular infection, second, because the extremity uninvolved at the time of sympathectomy is not protected from later extension and progress of the vascular occlusion, and third, because the endresults are not strikingly different from those ob-

tained by conservative measures

The most frequent peripheral vascular disease is a narrowing or occlusion of peripheral arteries due to atheromatous plaques of the intima or calcification of the media This occurs usually in old persons, but occasionally in adolescents, particularly if they are diabetic. The treatment must include the use of vasodilators, sedatives, and reasonable physical According to the author's experience the alternating negative and positive pressure treatment is effective providing the action of the heart is adequate and the main arterial channels are sufficiently patent to permit suction into the ischemic areas below the knee.

In the opinion of the author, Raynaud's disease is a primary vessel spasm with an increased susceptibility to local stimulation but probably still of central origin When no other primary cause is found and interruption of sympathetic vasoconstriction by nerve block or reflex heat relieves the spasm and is capable of producing vasodilatation, a sympathetic denervation of the affected part must

be considered

When analyzed, failures of sympathectomy may be found due to (1) mistaken indications, (2) insufficient technique, and (3) partial regeneration or neuroma formation. The sympathetic trunks re-generate very rapidly unless their trophic ganglion also is removed. Hence the importance of removing

long segments together with the ganglions and of applying alcohol or silver clips to the stumps

ILEMENT F TRUESTON M D

Frieh P and Léty A Some Aneurismographs with Thorotrast (Ouclques anever-smographies au thorotrast) Live chir 1935 32 169

The author report six cases in which roentgen visualization of an aneutram was rendered possible by the injection of thorotrast and cite a previous report on this procedure by Revinable day Santos

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toma arteress) Clin thir 1915 11 40 The surgical problem presented by an uning of the blood vessels has reached its practical solut on only comparatively recently. As emboleutims is entirely dependent upon the successful accomplishment of artenorrhaphy it has developed part piers with the latter The author reviews the history of embolectomy and reports two cases in which this operation was performed in his own clinic. He stresses the emportance of early diagnosis of embo han and immediate operative removal of the em bolus He then presente a rather extensive discussion of the ettology pathogenesis symptoms d'agnosis and pregnosis of emboli m and the technique of embolectomy He states that the indications for embalectomy must be considered carefully as per sons develop ag embolism are usually those afflicted with cardiac di ease associated with arteriosclerosis and are poor operative risks Movr R. Rem MD

#### BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Marriott H L and Kekwick A Continuous Drip Blood Transfusion Lance 1933 225 977

The authors helves that blood translation is not being utilized to its fullest extent to day as the quantities at blood generally administered are small. They point out that the average translation of too cem of blood to an adult raises the hemoglobul by only 8 or 9 per cent. Therefore if anema is to be overcome effectively the administration of much

### SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

OPERATIVE SURGERY AND TECHNIQUE POSTOPERATIVE TREATMENT

Gillies Sir II D , and McIndoe A H The Rôle of Plastic Surgery in Burns Due to Roentgen Rays and Radium ins Surg 1933 101 979

Cases of radiodermatins and radionecrous constitute a formulable group because of the associated pain and distress the intractability of the condition to conversative treatment and their medicolegal importance. Hears are figured of the times before the result of over treatment poor protections or heavy iteratment of instignancy. The latent period regulation why certain are also gives it desired the condition extinct. In the past fifteen years the authors have seen to cases and that or operated on about 50 shows seen to cases and that or operated on about 50 forms of parts allowed all they surged it falls within the field of highest current.

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an individual susceptibility

7. Those in which frequent small doses were given over a long period of time for a condition such

given over a long period of time for a condition such as lipus aone fibroids or gotter 3. Thuse of professional workers in most of which the condition had its origin he'rie modern profection

The effects are produced by the action of the roentgen cays on the cells of the straduated tissues and may be aggravated by infrared or ultraviolet arradiation. The changes are caused by a progressive vascular obliterative process and a loss of function of cells according to their sensitivity in excessive single dose may produce acute necrous with a wide spread inflammatory zone due to secondary rolection. In the chronic lesion slow contraction and absorption take place. Ulcers show little evidence of regair bixation to underlying muscle tendon or bone is not uncommon When the chronic lesion is due to repeated small doses the sequence of events is characterized by an in idious change in the quality and function of the skin and a slow depression in its vitality Some or all of the piculiar features of telangiectasis pigmentation thickening and scar rang of the corium atrophy of the skin with dis appearance of sweat and sebaceous glands and hur follicles cracks and fissures, Leratures and make nant growths make their appearance Telanguectuses appears from one to three years after the damage and pigmentation varies according to the patient's skin. The skin may be smooth and mottled or

leathery and dry. Feratoses are common especially on the hand, and in the chronic case there is a tend ency toward the development of putheliums.

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The authors prefer the razor graft or the pedicled flap method. They report with illustrations several cases as examples of the variously located lesions and their treatment. Thous W Strike Nov. In., M.D.

Stemart Wallace A W Progressive Postoperative Cangrene of the Skin Brd J Surg 1935 22

The author reports a case of progressive postoperative gargines of the skin which decurred as a complication of thoracotomy for empyema. He states that while the disease is rare in Fagiand only one other case having been recorded in the literature of that country a review of the literature of other countries disclosed the records of thrity-news cases. Thirty cases were reported from 'un rea.

In the author's ext e grangeme of the skin was first noted on the such day after the operation. The desion gradually increased in size until at the time of the patient's death thirty two weeks later it modyed the abdomen the first dust the left sud following the continut to the wash.

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# PHYSICOCHEMICAL METHODS IN SURGERY

## ROENTGENOLOGY

Bozzetti, G.: The Practical Realization of Stratigraphy (La realizzazione pratica della stratigrafia) Radiol med., 1935, 22 257

"Stratigraphy," a method of roentgenography in which there is a dissociation of the shadows, was first suggested by Vallebona in 1930. It consists essentially in taking roentgenograms at different angles by rotating the X-ray tube about a fixed axis passing approximately through the center of the part under examination, the theory heing that the parts in the axis will be reproduced very distinctly whereas the other parts will be reproduced poorly.

The author describes, diagrams, and explains his technique He states that, while the images are projected at peculiar angles, it is prohable that after they have been subjected to further study their interpretation will be improved, especially as stratigraphy is based on mechanical and mathematical principles A Louis Rost, M D

Stewart, W. H., and Illick, H. E.: The Advantages of Intensified Oral Cholecystography. Am J. Roenigenol., 1935, 33. 624.

The authors state that the shortcomings of the Graham test-faint shadows or questionable indefinite shadows of non-calcified gall stones and especially absence of shadows—may be obviated in large measure hy using their method of intensified oral cholecystography The technique of this method is hased upon three factors.

I Increasing and fractionating the total dose of tetra-iodophenolphthalein.

2 The free administration of sugar preceding and during the roentgen examination

3 The use of a fast Potter-Bucky diaphragm and an exact exposure technique

The technique is described in detail and cholecystograms made hy the authors' method and the usual method are compared The authors believe that the additional time consumed in making the modified test is well compensated for by the accurate detailed information obtained

ADOLPH HARTUNG, M D

Gallavresi, L.: Roentgenological Study of the Normal and Pathological Satellite Shadows of the Ribs (Studio radiologico delle ombre satelliti costali normali e pathologiche) Radiol med , 1935.

In 1903 Alhers-Schoenherg called attention to the presence of a narrow band of increased density, about 2 mm wide, which was seen to follow the inferior margin of the second rib Because of its characteristics he called it a "satellite shadow of the

second rih" It was usually found to be bilateral. Later observers noted similar configurations in relation to the first and third ribs

Various interpretations and suggestions have been offered regarding the nature of these shadows Albers-Schoenberg believed that they represented the compact tissues overlying the apex of the lung, whereas later observers thought them to he due to a thickening of the dorsal apical wall of the lung Knutsson suggested that they were due essentially to the endothoracic musculature

After a thorough and systematic investigation of the problem. Gallavresi reaches the conclusion that the pleura contributes also to the genesis of these shadows He proposes that they he called "pleuromuscular shadows of the thorax" He discusses the frequency of their occurrence in relation to the various ribs and describes their normal morphological aspects

He concludes that in pathological conditions the normal relation of the anatomical substrate to the morphological aspect of the shadows is often profoundly altered or entirely abolished. The morbid process with its anatomicopathological manifestations (evudates, infiltrates, neoplasms) may determine to a greater or lesser extent the degree of opacity of the satellite shadow or affect the demar-

cation of its contour

The morphological changes of these shadows are not specific in appearance for the various morbid conditions However, there seems to he a certain, though not constant, parallelism between the character of the morphological change and the mechanism of its formation Thus, it is much easier to detect altered satellite shadows in proliferative, infiltrative, and cicatricial processes than in conditions such as a pleural effusion. The latter condition is characterized by changes referable primarily to an increase in the width and extension of the shadow without affecting its pulmonary contour

In the differentiation of normal and pathological satellite shadows, changes in width and extension are of value only when they have reached a certain degree. By carefully comparing both sides valuable information is gained and differentiation may he possible even though the shadows are bilateral

Changes in the pulmonary contour of the satellite shadows in the form of saw-like indentations or festoons are, on the other hand, always unmistakable indications of the presence of a morbid condition. Certain characteristic triangular configurations are indicative of the presence of accessory lobes

The site of the shadows is also a valuable criterion. The author attributes a pathological significance to any shadow with an unusual anatomical location.

RICHARD E SOMMA.

#### RADIUM MISCELLANEOUS

Nicholson D Types of Malignant Disease Treated by Radium at the Cancer Kellef and Research Institute in Manitoba Canagam V 1ss J 1035 32 402

The author review, 836 cases in which radium treatment was given in the three year period ending March 31, 1031. He makes some general remarks relative to the diagnous in the different groups and then describes the technique employed in the treat ment of each group.

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ADDLER HARTING M D

Jorge J M and Dietsch J R Heilotherapy (Reinoterapia) Semana med 1034 41 1733

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nums. The patient's head should be covered. The relationship demonstratic between an excess of chole term in cancer tissue, and the poots activately of cholesterm has led Rofio to undertake a crusade agranyt sunshine treatment. The authors believe however that helotterapy is of great value and that if the proper technique is used and the contra indicated by poorly compensated heart lessons progressive pulmonary tuberculous and anytoned amylond degeneration and insufficiency of the kindneys and hiver Arnare Ge Morwa M D.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

## CLINICAL ENTITIES—GENERAL PHYSIO-LOGICAL CONDITIONS

Coonse, G. K., Foisie, P. S., Robertson, H. F., and Aufranc, O. E.: Traumatic and Hemorrhagic Shock. An Experimental and Chnical Study. New England J. Med., 1935, 212: 647

Shock has been divided into primary and secondary shock chiefly on the basis of the clinical findings Primary shock may be described as a condition of great circulatory collapse which is sudden in onset and usually associated with loss of consciousness It is often caused by a stunning blow or serious disturbance of the central nervous system, and may be likened to a state of syncope or collapse Secondary shock is characterized by low arterial blood pressure, a rapid and thready pulse, shallow, rapid, or irregular respirations, general restlessness, an insatiable thirst, coldness and often pulselessness of the extremities, and other evidences of a marked circulatory disturbance Unlike primary shock, secondary shock is usually associated with a relatively clear mental state It follows moderate or severe injuries, particularly those involving a good deal of muscle tissue and causing repeated small or severe hemorrhages

No one theory will explain all of the phenomena observed in secondary shock. Of the numerous factors involved in the development of the condition the most important are depression of the vital centers, loss of blood volume, and the vicious cycle

of anovemic acidosis

On the basis of experimental data it has been found possible to differentiate traumatic and hemorrhagic shock. Traumatic shock is characterized by increasing acidosis and concentration of the blood—a relative increase of cells over serum. In acute hemorrhagic shock, the effects of which are due entirely to loss of circulating blood volume, no acidosis develops and there is a relative increase of serum over cells.

As the blood volume decreases, the effectiveness of the peripheral circulation is steadily diminished Interference with the function of the vital centers rapidly ensues. Depression of the respiratory center causes a decrease in the chest and abdominal excursions resulting in a diminution of the normal negative intrapleural pressure. The return of blood to the heart is diminished as blood collects in the abdominal viscera and large venous radicals and in the smaller peripheral vessels. The decrease in the oxygen exchange in the periphery tends to create a vicious cycle of increasing anoxemic acidosis, the vital centers becoming still further depressed

The depressing and toxic effects of laked blood and traumatized muscle on the higher centers have

been demonstrated in experiments on animals Hemolysis has been shown to be constant in traumatic shock.

In the determination of the treatment to be given the differentiation of traumatic and hemorrhagic shock is essential. Acute hemorrhagic shock is best treated by replacing the lost blood with whole blood. However, less severe cases respond satisfactorily to the intravenous administration of saline solution, glucose, or gum acacia Traumatic shock or slow hemorrhagic shock is best treated by the intravenous administration of alkali or a combination of alkalı and whole blood The alkaline solution not only prevents acidosis but also serves as a direct stimulant to the cells of the respiratory and other centers Alkalı increases the rate of dissociation of oxyhemoglobin and improves the peripheral blood flow. In some cases supplementary inhalations of carbon dioxide and oxygen may be indicated for mechanical and chemical effects

There is great danger in the administration of large doses of morphine in the treatment of shock, especially in the later stages. In this condition morphine diminishes the function of vital centers already seriously depressed. The harmful effect of large doses of morphine far outweighs their beneficial effect—the reduction of painful sensory stimuli

SAMUEL KAHN, M D

Orbach, E.: The Pathogenesis of So-Called "Traumatic Edema"—Neurotic Acro-Edema (Ueber die Pathogenese des sogenannten "traumatischen Oedems"—neurotisches Akrooedem) Monatsschr f Unfallheilk, 1934, 4r 48r.

The author refers, not to the ordinary traumatic edema of the dorsum of the hand or foot which disappears sooner or later, but to that which persists permanently, varies in severity, and is independent of the gravity of the injury, occurring at times after quite trivial traumas. Among others, Patry, Fischer, and Kaufmann, have claimed that it is usually false. The author differs with them on the basis of a case which he reports in detail. As section in this case revealed nothing pathogenetic, the traumatic edema was believed to be the result of a hysterical paralysis of the arm.

On the basis of findings in apoplectics, the work of Anton, Bing, and others, and demonstrations in the field of neurology, Orbach concludes that so-called traumatic edema is a trophoneurosis of the autonomic nervous system (Kienbock, zur Verth) There are two forms (1) that which is caused by considerable trauma and produces an irritative condition in a certain part of the peripheral nervous system which in turn provokes abnormal reflexes in the vasomotor tracts (Braeucker), and (2) the so-called neurotic

acto-edema (Orbach) which shows no evidence of somatic traums and occurs only in neuropathic per sons, in whom it leads to loss of control of the deep vascingtor content.

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Ahlbom H E S, Called Mixed Tumors of the Mucous and Salivary Cland Type Occurring in the Skin and Subcutts and Their Treatment (In der Haut und Subcuts lokalsverte sog. Un er tum sten vom Typ der Schleim und Specheldrue sengeschwuelste und ihre Behand ung) Icht radial 1015 fo 178

So callet mixed timors of the parotid type occur in the skin and subcuts. They are usually beaugn. They are most frequent in the skin of the face but occasionally are found on the trunk and extremities. Two such timors on the face and one on the sole of the foot have been treated at Radiumhemme! In all a certain degree of manignance was demon strited by hytological extinguishments.

Cluncelly these majugants as called mared tumors may be taken for skin cancer of the common styles have been supported by the cases of mucous and salvary gland tumors as general radioactory; as the best method of testiment. Tumors con using partly of mycomosious and partly of carelying the time are avoidy only slightly radiosenative. However certain tumors with a more simple structure such as flow-optically only and account of the complete structure such as flow-optically only the radiocensitive and therefore treated successfully by tradiction along.

Hintze A Where Are We Steering in the Treat ment of Cancer? Reflections on the Most Successful Methods of Treatment (Works steern war mit der Rerbstehandlum, Betrach tungen ueber die erfulgreichsten Behandlungs methoden) Drudzie med Hehrecht jazu 2004.

In general the limits of the operative treatment of cancer were recognized at the turn of the rentury at least to the extent that they could be determined from the mortality of major operations and the in cidence of three year freedom from recurrence in several of the larger groups of cases such as the e of cancer of the breast and those of cancer of the uterus In the three subsequent decades it was possible in cases of certain types of tumors for only a few especially experienced surgeons to lower the primary mortality further to any con iderable extent With regard to permanent results from operative treat ment the limits were believed to be quite narrow During this period irradiation therapy became wide ly used, at first for moperable tumors and moperable recurrences. In the treatment of skin cancer it was widely employed even in operable cases. In many places it was used in preference to surgery also in operable cases of cancer of the cervix with Lood re sults. The longer delay in its application to cales of operable malignant tumors is explained by the variety of conditions and the greater difficulties presented in such cases and the at first apparently unreliable results of irradiation With mereasing

experience and improvement in the technique of the treatment a change with a definite direction and significance has taken place. Our ob evactions show us the course to pursue and we already see in the distance the goal lows of which we are striving.

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coults In cases of carcinoms of the skin the end results obtained by primary treaduation have been better than those obtained by primary operation. Of the cases treated by primary operation in the period from to to 1927 melusive freedom from symptoms for five years was obtained in 54 1 per cent but irradia tion for recurrence was necessary in one third, whereas of the ca es treated by primary irradiation a five year cure was obtained in 46 o per cent in spite of the fact that these cases included all those which were properable. A higher incidence of successful results from premary irradiation has been repo ted only by Nielsen of Lopenhagen (50 per cent form treatment with each am alone) and from a dermato formal chases ( litescher or 4 per cent from roentgen treatment, and Arzt and Tuhs 54 5 per cent from

radium irradiation sometimes supplemented by

electrocoagulation)

A skin carcinoma which is not too extensive or too deep is destroyed most conservatively and permanently by irradiation. As a rule superficial lesions require only a irradiation. This may be given with equally good results with the roentgen rays, radium, or a radium substitute. Large and deep tumors are best treated by first reducing the size of the neoplasm by roentgen irradiation and then destroying the remainder with radium In certain cases of advanced growth, especially those with extensive bone involvement, wide removal of the destructive lesion by surgery is indicated in addition to the irradiation Plastic covering of the defect should not be attempted for some time Irradiation improves the results of operation not only by preventing and destroying recurrences, but also by removing the less favorable cases from the operative group. Irradiation is an important aid in the improvement of the end-results of operation

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Paviot, J., Levrat, M., and Guichard, A.: Eosmophilia of the Blood in Cases of Malignant Tumor. A Case of Perirenal Reticulosarcoma with Eosmophilia of the Blood and of the Tumor. (L'cosmophile sanguine des tumeurs maignes A propos d'un cas de reticulosarcome perrenal avec cosmophile sanguine et tumorale) Ann d'anat patt, 1035, 12-113

The case reported was that of a man fifty-five years of age who came for treatment for a tumor in the left hypochondrium. Operation disclosed a large tumor completely enveloping the left kidney On histological examination the neoplasm was found to be a reticulosarcoma containing large numbers of eosinophiles. The blood showed 90,000 leucocytes, 74 per cent of which were cosmophiles. Of the latter. 46 per cent were polynuclear eosinophiles and 28 per cent young cosmophile monocytes. The tumor tissue presented a whole range of eosinophile cells. including normal polynuclear cosinophiles, polynuclear eosinophiles with only a few granules, free monocytes with eosinophile granulations, and reticulate cells, endothelial cells, and fibroblasts, all containing oxyphile granulations Some of these, in their form and structure, with their clear and clongated nuclei, resembled reticulo-endothelial cells The authors believe that there must have been some connection between this series of eosinophile cells in the tumor and the enormous cosinophilia in the blood The condition could hardly have been the chance association of an eosinophile leukemia and a reticulosarcoma as both are too exceptional for them to have occurred together by chance The tumor must have been the direct cause of the cosmophilia

Only a few cases of mahgnant tumor accompanied by an extremely high cosinophilia have been reported in the literature. The authors give brief abstracts of the records of ten cases which were all

they were able to find in the literature. In none of these cases were there any of the usual causes of eosinophilia Examination for parasites was negative as in the authors' case. The eosinophilia was not confined to any special histological type of tumor.

There are two theories with regard to the development of eosinophila in the blood in malignant tumor: one, that the eosinophiles are produced in the bone marrow and carried to the tumor secondarily, the other, that they are formed directly in the tumor by eosinophile transformation of the connective tissue cells of the tumor, the newly-formed cosinophile cells then passing into the blood. The authors' case with its whole range of eosinophile cells in the tumor and the many mononuclear cosinophiles in the blood supports the second hypothesis.

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Daniel, C., and Babès, A.: Liposarcoma with Metastases. The Abdominal Liposarcoma With Ovarian Metastases (Du liposarcome avec métastases Le liposarcome abdominal avec métastases ovariennes) Gynécologie, 1035, 34-5

Liposarcoma and malignant lipoma are rare, and metastases from such tumors are very unusual. In the literature the authors were able to find only one case of liposarcoma with metastases (reported by Nienhuis in 1925) and one case of malignant liposarcoma with metastases (reported by Lubarsch in 1925).

The authors report a case of hiposarcoma with metastases which occurred in a woman forty-three years of age. The chief symptoms and signs were ascites, marked weakness, and chronic constipation. Examination disclosed a pelvic tumor. The neoplasm was diagnosed as a tumor of the right adnexa and believed to be mahignant. At operation, a tumor of the great omentum was found. The patient died five days after the operation. Pathological examination showed the neoplasm to be a liposarcoma primary in the great omentum which had formed metastases in the ovaries, fallopian tubes, and broad ligaments.

In the case reported by Nienhuis the site of the primary tumor was not determined. The mesentery, retroperitoneal tissue, pancreas, mediastinum, dura mater of the brain and spinal cord, and marrow of the femur were involved. In the case reported by Lubarsch, the primary tumor developed in the

kidney and formed numerous metastases

The authors believe that in their case the metastases were due to direct transplantation. The metastases in the ovary invaded the entire organ and were very evidently malignant. The histological findings were similar to those in the case reported by Nienhuis. The cells were definitely of adipose tissue origin. They were of two types. (1) immature lipoblastic adipose tissue cells, and (2) cells grouped in vesicles which showed a marked polymorphism and contained fat. Among the latter were many large cells with multiple nuclei. The metastatic tumors showed numerous lipoblasts.

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So A careful pathologicomorphological study of blastoma material showed that, in addition to the beharacteristic changes in the endocrane agatem in guieral there were definite indications of anatomical insufficiency of the parathy road plands. The Jatter included a smaller than normal number of pita included a smaller than normal number of pita included a smaller than normal number of pita small size, and very frequently congrutal distopasmall size, and very frequently congrutal distopasmall size, and overy frequently congrutal distopasmall size, and very frequently congrutal distopasmal size and the case of the size of th

and fibrosalerosis and lipomato is of the stroma were present in about 75 per cent. Consideration of all of the "indings indicate! that insufficiency of the parally roof glands was present in about 80 per cent of the case."

This insufficiency of the parathyroid glands led to the conclusion that the clinical symptoms of blastometers may include also symptoms of spa mophilia. This conclus on was supported by clinical observations.

The diagno is of spasmophilia should be bised not only on phissochemical finlings but also and expectals on clairal evidences of neuromiscular irritability, such as the Chrostek Mens and Tronsseau series.

Of the cases of blustoma studied symptoms of assumptions were present in about 8 ip or cent. In other conditions they were much less common their incidence in pregnance being 43 3 per cent in alert 22 per cent and in normal persons. 3 per cent

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In addition to the other symptoms and the usual budgacal tests the symptoms of a latent pasmophilia may be of said in the differential diagnosis of malignant tumors. Jon. W. BERMAN M.D.

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# COLLECTIVE REVIEW

# DETACHMENT OF THE RETINA A REVIEW OF THE 1933-34 LITERATURE

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operative treatment has continued to hold the center of interest in the ophthalmological hterature of the past two years and some definite progress relating to the etiology, pathology, and successful operative treatment of the condition has been recorded Innumerable papers on the subject have been read and published, and an important symposium dealing with its various phases occupied the attention of the International Ophthalmological Congress in 1933 Of this voluminous literature, an attempt will be made to give a résumé of only the more significant contributions

## HISTORY

According to Vogt (101), the first to see a retinal tear in a case of detachment was Coccius (13) in 1853. In 1858, you Graefe (35) observed such a tear and attributed it to the healing process De Wecker (21), in 1870, was the first to consider the retinal tear as the cause of the detachment, a view popularized by Leber (58) in 1882.

Ignipuncture was used in the treatment of the condition as early as 1881 by Martin (65), de Wecker (22), and de Luca (19). Schoeler (81) was the first to suggest the site of the tear as the logical place for the beginning of the detachment and the site for operative interference (1889) Deutschmann (20), in 1896, was the first to use ignipuncture at the site of the tear, but employed it in only 1 case. The first to use the method systematically and successfully was Galezowski (26) who in 1902-03 aspirated the subretinal fluid and

used the galvanocautery upon the ruptured portion of the retina and the underlying choroid, obtaining good results especially in the more recent cases However, in spite of this pioneer work all treatment of retinal detachments (and there were countless methods) was generally regarded as hopeless, and it remained for Gonin (20) to make the most significant contribution to ophthalmology in the last fifteen years by devising a means of treating cases of retinal detachment successfully and popularizing the method which was subsequently to be adopted, adapted, and modified by ophthalmic surgeons throughout the world Gonin's first operation was performed in 1916 (9), but it was not until some years laterafter Gonin had reported at the International Congress in 1929 a large series of cases in which it had been used-that the method began to be widely employed by others.

Following the principles of Gonin but attempting to improve upon the method, various workers have devised other procedures for closure of the hole and cure of the detachment. Guist (37), in 1931, suggested the chemical method in which potassium hydroxide is introduced through trephine openings in the sclera. This procedure was modified by Lindner (59) who made fewer trephine openings and undermined the choroid. Weve (108), Larsson (57), and Safář (78) at about the same time began the use of diathermy. Modifications and newer developments in these methods with the present trend toward treatment by electrocoagulation will be considered in detail.

ETIGLOGY AND PATHOGENESIS

In 425 cases of retinal detachment studied at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital by Shapland (88) the ages of the patients samed from eight to eighty five years. The average age was forty two and eight tenths years. Sixty one per cent of the patients were males and 62 z per cent were myopic. In at 9 per cent of the latter the myopia was over to diopters. There was a history of trauma in 43 o per cent of the emmetropic eves but in only 15 5 per cent of the myopic eyes with detachment. In a series of 150 cases reported by Dunnington and Macnie (23) the average age was thirty nine and eight tenths year and 64 per cent of the patients were males Trauma was a definite factor in 30 per cent and a probable factor in 41 2 per cent of the cases Trauma as a factor in the production of detachment may have a medicolegal significance as brought out by leandebze and Baudot (45) whose opinion was accepted by the courts in a cases The lapse of time between the trauma and the detachment is extremely

variable The exact production of the retinal detachment for, more properly, retinal separation since the nervous layers are separated by the subretinal fluid from the pigment epithelium of the retina which remains adherent to the choroid) is still undetermined although most ophthalmologists adhere to Gonin's elaboration of Leber's theory The mechanism of detachments resulting from such causes as choroiditis choroidal tumor reti nitis proliferans and albuminum retinitis is fairly clear, but with regard to the mechanism of the so-called idiopathic detachments which are frequently (but not always) found in association with such factors as high myorus and trauma there are in general two schools of thought. Sour dille believes that the pathological process hes chiefly in the choriocapillaris of the choroid being a vascular disturbance causing separation of the adjacent retina with the accumulation of fluid in the artificially created space. According to thus theory, tears or holes in the retina are the result not the cause of the detachment. However the majority of ophthalmologists adhere to the theory of Gonin which is based upon Leber's conception of the retinal tear as the cause of the detachment According to Conin there is first a partial baue faction of the vitreous with retraction Sharp, abrupt movements of the eye may result in a sudden pull on the thinned friable retina which has become adherent on the one hand to the vitreous by strinds attached to the internal limit ing membrane of the retina and on the other hand, to the choroid as the result of a previous

inflammatory process. This pull causes a tear in the retriva. Through the hole then puses the bund vitreous, biting the retina away from the chorousd and producing the climical entity of retinal detachment. According to this conception of extend detachment. According to this conception of the characteristic life of the control of the

Lindner (61) has attempted to prove Leber's theory of the pathogenesis of detachment by me chanical means. He has constructed a model ret. ina using a round glass flask and coating its inte ror with a layer of celloidan containing enough aluminum powder to render it more visible and somewhat adherent. If after the production of an artificial hole with a protruding flap, the fla l is rotated, a detachment soon occurs. When the rotation is stopped the detachment tends to flat ten out. In the eye contraction of the vitreous producing a buckling of the retina prevents return to the normal on immobilization. Another model demonstrates the formation of the tear A mix ture of gelatin and giveenin is placed in a flash. A serking motion around the center results in the formation of tears of various shapes These mod els are used by Lindner to demonstrate to patients the production of the tear and detachment

the production of the tear and detachment.

1 elthagen (99) reports a case in which, after two
operations performed unsuccessfully in the absence
of a demonstrable tear a tear was found and its
closure resulted in cure. He thinks that this case
trade to bear out Goven's conception.

Arruga (s) believes that in the great majority of cases of dopatine detachment the cause less in pathological changes in the retina itself, and that a healthy retine are re-benomes detached, even it texas. These pathological changes may be and duced by old age myopia and steadlay 'chorocetical inflammation. The pathogeness of the ris mechanical being due to a blow material valuation or possibly violent motion of the eye ball. Once the viterous has penetrated under the retina there is an exudation from the unitated choroid.

Battels (8) believes that a tear is not essential for the development of detachment. He reports twoca-esswhila fige recent tears in which examination revealed a stretched tight membrane representing the external leaf of the retina sphit length was along the internuclear layer and a small

opening in the latter through which the choroid was visible. He attributes such splitting to cystic degeneration of the retina, and detachment to primary disease of the retina. Abadia (1) considers the formation of a tear and the ingress of vitreous

significant only in exceptional cases

In an attempt to refute the ideas of Gonin and Lindner as to the rôle of the tear in detachment, Kapuscinski (47) states that sht-lamp studies in aphakic eyes show that the outer layers of the vitreous (hyaloid membrane) do not undergo the same movements as the inner parts of the vitreous; nystagmic eyes are not especially prone to detachments, and tears occur independently of detachments. He believes that if the vitreous is normal a detachment is impossible.

Sabbadini (77) investigated 130 cases for evidence of a predisposing cause. In 35 cases tuberculosis was present; in 30, syphilis, and in the remainder, arteriosclerosis, cardiorenal disease, or diabetes. Sabbadini concluded that the ocular localization leading to the detachment is a metastatic deposit. He believes that the so-called myopic changes accompanying detachment in highly myopic individuals are merely tuberculous

or syphilitic foci of uncitis.

Horniker (4r) found evidence of vasomotor neurosis (punctate opacities of the lens and degenerative changes in the corneal endothelium) in 17 patients with idiopathic detachment. He thinks that the functional anomalies of the capillaries may be the basis of the cystic degeneration of the refina preceding the tear formation. In the cases he studied the arterial tension was relatively low

Gallois (27) points out the necessity of medical treatment as surgical cures are greatly dependent on elimination of the underlying cause, which may be syphilis, tuberculosis, or an endocrine disturbance affecting the choroid and retina

#### PATHOLOGY

The retinal tear. Despite differences of opinion as to the causation of the detachment and the relative importance of the tear, the majority of ophthalmologists still seem to believe that exact localization of the tear and its closure, as advocated by Gonin, are essential to the success of operative intervention. The greater the care employed and the more painstaking the investigation the higher the percentage of cases in which retinal rents will be found. Gonin (31) states that many men have reported finding tears in as high as 90 per cent of their cases. He says that it is unthinkable that the tear should be the result rather than a cause of detachment. The tears are observed most frequently in recent rather than in

old detachments and may be seen even before the detachment has taken place. On the other hand, detachments due to tumors and the retinitis of pregnancy usually show no tears. As final proof of his theory Gonin cites the cure of detachment by operative sealing of the hole

Shapland (SS) reports finding one or more holes in 76 2 per cent of his large series of 425 cases. In 90.4 per cent the holes were in front of the equator and in 23 8 per cent they were multiple. There were 115 examples of round holes, 113 cases of disinsertion or anterior retinal dialysis, 105 arrowshaped tears, 20 radial slit-like tears, and 19 irregular rents. The temporal half of the globe was the site of 70 6 per cent of the tears. Arruga (3) at first found tears in about half his cases. With greater experience he now finds them in 90 per cent Dunnington and Macnie (23) found holes in 56 per cent of a series of 155 eyes with detachment, but had about equally good postoperative results in the cases without demonstrable tear when operation was performed by the Guist or diathermy methods

To denote detachment of the retina at the ora serrata, sometimes called "disinsertion," Anderson (2) uses the term "anterior retinal dialysis". He believes that the detachment is usually behind, rather than at, the ora serrata. The condition occurs most frequently in the inferior temporal quadrant, probably because of greater exposure to trauma at that region together with the more frequent occurrence there of cystoid degeneration leading to the formation of rents. Young males are most subject to this type. Myopia does not

seem to play a rôle

According to von Roetth (75), retinal tears may be caused by (a) degeneration of the retina, (b) hiquefaction of the vitreous, or (c) detachment of the vitreous in the form of a "vitreous ring" Detachment of the vitreous in the form of a vitreous ring was found in 9 of 19 cases Detachments of the vitreous, but not of the retina, were found in 2 of 55 myopic eyes. Of the total number of cases of detachment, the tear was in the temporal portion of the retina in 75 per cent. This is explained by the fact that this portion receives less nourishment than the other portions because it is farther from the central arteries.

Vogt (104) reports 3 cases of retinal tear in the lower part of the retina which remained latent mine months, from three to four years, and eleven months respectively before detachment occurred. In 2 other cases with tears the lid became detached and floated freely in the vitreous without the occurrence of detachment. No cystoid changes in the lids could be observed with red-free light.

Vogt believes that in such cases operation should not be performed until detachment has taken place.

Ferrer (25) favors Soundille s method of operating and feels that there is no advantage in wasting

time fooking for the refinal tear

Locali-ation of the tear Since Gonin and his fol lowers premise their theory of cure moon sealing of the tear by the production of an adhesive chorouditis accurate localization of the rent becomes essential particularly in the original ignipuncture method Gonin (31) still adheres to his original method of localization by direct orbitalmoscopy and estimation of the distance of the tear from the ora serrata marking the mendians with India ink and using a guiding silk thread at operation, a procedure followed by Shapland (88) Many com plicated localizing instruments were devised in the past. The Guist schema and localizing appara tus is advocated by Mckeown (67) Backan Smith and Boyle (7) use the Conin method of localization but place a small bit of paper in the center of the buty nized cornea and use this point to assist in the determination of the exact meridian

Sune (94) has prepared chaborate tables for as currie localization by using an anatomical eye with average measurements on which the himburst dustances along the retinal and seleral ares and the seleral chord are determined by mathematical calculations. In these tables is has eliminated solicitations for the angle alpha are calculated not only for the retina in its normal position but also for detachment; in each of the four quadrants. An adoption to the term and the position of the team of the selection of the team of the four detachment; in each of the four quadrants. An used and the position of the team determined with the via of the outsidationscope

Schoenberg (83) advises that the location size and character of the tear be indicated on a dia

gram of the fundus. Pavis (68) localizes certain tears by a series of photographs.

Arruga (a) emphasures the importance of perseverance in scarting for the tear II estatuse that a strong light is essential indirect ophthalmost copy may be of and and rest in bed usually helps Inhightiteam finding the lesson may be due to small size of the tear opacities of the media confusion with hemorrhages or location of the tear in retund folds or in the anterior periodier.

The substantal fluid Magnoti (63) has attempted to settle the dispute as to the origin of the substantial fluid by examining this fluid in a series of cases. The ulbumn content was found to be rather high. It was highest in long standing cases in some of which it was pretier than that of the blood serum. The amount of dections arrived which yet relatively little being found when

the glycolytic function of the return was preserved (possibly of prognostic importance as to the return of return function). The chemical composition of the subertunial fluid resembles that of an exudate but as the subertunial fluid at times contains more albumin and sugar than the blood it is not a simple evudate. Maspiot thinks that the origin of the fluid must be in the return and not in the choroid nor in the viterous. Jasinell, (a3) also examined the subertunial fluid chemically, and microscopically, and concluded that it is not of an inflammatory nature.

Sondermann (39) attempts to refute Lobeck's theory that the subretimal fluid passing through the tear is absorbed by the choroid this account

ing for the low intra ocular tension

Sedan (86) believes that the prognosis after electrocorgulation is favorable if the subretinal fluid escapes under the conjunctiva with the production of an area of subconjunctival edoma. He thinks that the subretinal fluid may be under in creased pressure which perhaps influences the spread of the detachment.

The rutrous Caramazra (10) studed the stire out in 18 cases before and after operation. While vitteous changes are constant operative interference does not seem to after the homercoscopic picture. In discourse merchanti degeneration, strate opacities and fine pigmented granules were noted but found also in the eye without detach ment. The presence of fine pigmented epithelial elements seemed to be secondary to detachment.

#### EXPERIMENTAL DETACHMENT OF THE RETINA

In experiments on rabbits eves Castrovicio (12) succeeded in producing artificial retinal detach ments with all the characteristic clinical findings of adionathic detachment in human eyes. After meision of the seleral choroid and retina of cem of vitreous was removed with a blunt hypodermic syringe and re injected between the sclera and charaid. At the end of four months no sponta peous cure of the detachment was observed After tying a ligature around the optic nerve of rabbits, Weiss and Evans (107) observed the immediate occurrence of detachment of the retina with marked edema of the disc and forward extension of the retina by about 12 diopters Dejean (19) states that it is generally not fersible to cause retinal detachment in living animals by small in cisions but that if a large incision is made and a large amount of vitreous escapes the retina be comes folded and detached as a result of the hypotony

Attempting to produce retinal tears in the eyes of healthy rabbits by introducing a cannula and aspirating a small piece of retina and a small amount of vitreous, Hagedoorn (39) was successful in 3 cases, but in none of these did detachment result

In experiments with diathermy carried out on the eyes of rabbits by von Szily and Machemer (95), degenerations, hemorrhages, tears, and detachments of the retina occasionally resulted Weak galvanic currents were passed through the coats of the eye with a bipolar instrument. Correct dosage resulted in re-attachment of the retina. Currents of from 2 to 20 ma applied for from five to twenty seconds to the eyes of 40 rabbits produced no tears outside the treated area and no severe complications.

In eyes of rabbits treated by coagulation of the scleral surface, Cordero (17) found a severe reaction throughout the eye Following perforating coagulation with only a small dose, new connective tissue was seen after from eight to ten days Cordero therefore concluded that perforating coagulation is much safer than surface coagulation

### ANATOMICAL EXAMINATION

In the eye of a twenty-two-year-old patient with recurring detachment healed for a time with the cautery, Takamatsu (96) found on histological examination a new formation of connective tissue between the rods and cones and the pigment epithelial cells, the result of a tuberculous process. He states that the retina may be detached from the traction of such newlyformed tissue on the outer side of the retina just as a similar detachment is thought to occur from the contraction of connective tissue on the vitreous side of the retina

Sourdille (90) describes in detail the histopathological findings in two eyes with recent detachment. These eyes showed liquefaction of the vitreous, extreme atrophy of the anterior third of the retina with multiple retinal tears, edema of the posterior two-thirds of the retina, and alterations of the choroid, partly atrophy and partly intense congestion. In Sourdille's opinion these changes indicate that the retinal lesion is the essential lesion, the choroidal lesion is a preparatory change, and the vitreous changes are secondary and accessory.

Stallard (92) reports the histological examination of the eye of a patient successfully operated on by the Larsson diathermy method who died of an extensive pulmonary thrombosis nineteen days after the operation. He found a localized uveits with buds of granulation tissue herniating through Bruch's membrane. These contained fibroblasts, the precursors of fibrous tissue. Stallard states that chorioretinal fibrous adhesions eventually cause repair. From the specimen described he

adduces that diathermy near the ora serrata may cause cyclitis and remote effects from fibrous tissue formed in the circumlental space. Similar findings were made by Kurz (56) in two eyes studied three and a half years and three months respectively after ignipuncture. The first eye was enucleated because of progressive atrophy, and the second because of a choroidal sarcoma. Numerous scar-tissue bands extended from the cauterized area radially into the vitreous. In the second eye the bands reached the ciliary processes and posterior lens surface. Kurz says that later contraction of these bands may result in secondary detachment of the retina.

In an eye enucleated three weeks after electrocoagulation for detachment, Kronfeld (55) found sequelæ of inflammatory or senile degenerative processes in the retina and choroid such that tears had, or easily could have been formed He found no evidence to support Leber's theory of preretinitis.

# RETINAL DETACHMENT IN PREGNANCY AND RETINITIS

The tendency toward edema of the retina in the toxemias of pregnancy is well known. Jaffe (42) believes that retinal detachment may occur as a part of the picture of edema involving especially the brain, liver, and kidneys Most cases become cured spontaneously. The prognosis for vision depends on the changes left by the retinitis and papillits

Pavia (69) reports a case of retinal detachment due to diabetic retinitis in which operation was followed by some improvement in vision.

#### TREATMENT

The Gonin ignipuncture The original Gonin operation (32) consists in accurate localization of the tear on the surface of the globe, reflection of the conjunctiva, incision with a Graefe knife to remove the subretinal fluid, and the introduction of the hot Pacquelin cautery into the opening for a distance of from 3 to 5 mm. from the outer surface of the sclera for one or two seconds (54) This procedure is still employed by some Gonin (31) claims that the galvanocautery used by Vogt and others in place of the Pacquelin cautery has no advantage over the latter It loses its heat more rapidly and its action is slower; therefore it must be left in the eyeball much longer However, the sharp-pointed galvanocautery has the advantage of permitting several punctures at one sitting, whereas with the Pacquelin cautery two punctures are the maximum

The disadvantages of the method, according to Gonin, are the risk of abundant hemorrhage into

the vitrous, either at the time of the operation or later, and the difficulty of making a series of applications at one sitting. To these may be added the necessity, for accurate localization of the hole lost ophthalmologists feel that this operation should not be performed in cases in which no tear is found. There is further the possibility of secondary tears (54), shrinkage of the retina, and faulty re attachment.

Anderson (2) has used the Gonn method suc cessfully for anterior retinal dialysis (disinsertion)

For cases with large or multiple tears, Terrner chel, and Dollis (97) have slightly modified the grapurature method next advocated by Paufique After careful localization and the pre operative use of calcium because of the tendency toward homorrhage, moissons are made through the sclera in the region of the tear with the Grade hanfe and the choroid and sclera are separated with the spatials. The cautery is inserted cold into each incision turned on for a second or two and then removed. In conclusion one or two pairs authentiand fluid, the procedure has different from the technique of Paulique who punctured before calterning.

The Sourdille method The school of thought of which Sourdille is the leading exporent accepts the retinal tear only as a result of the detachment and therefore refuses to consider its closure as be ing of any importance in the cure of the condition According to Schoenberg (82), the object of the Sourdille method is to evacuate the fluid as completely as possible and cause a reaction in the choroid which should result in adhesion between the choroid and the retina Removal of the subretinal fluid is accomplished with the Griefe knife or cautery or both The number of punctures varies up to four in total detachments. At the conclusion of the operation a few minims of a 1 1 000 solution of mercury on chanate are injected under the conjunctiva in the punctured area and abso lute rest for from fifteen to twenty one days is prescribed. In some cases several repetitions of the treatment may be necessary. The originator reported good results in 70 of 170 cases in which this method was used

The clust operator Peeling the limitations of the Gorni penjuneture especially in cases of large detachments cases of large tears and cases in which no tear could be found Guist [47] introduced the cherual cautery method. In this procedure as many as from 18 to a terphine openings are made in the selera, potassium hydrovide is applied to the choroid to produce an adhesive choroiditis and the subretinal fluid is executed.

The everse potassium hydroride is neutralized with 0.5 per cent acetic acid solution. Less accuracy in the local-azition of the tear is necessity than in the use of the Goina importance as a barger area including the tear can be treated. The chief disadvantages of the procedure are its tech

nical difficulty and long duration McKeown (67) states that although Gome Vogt, and a few others have claumed an incidence of cure as high as so per cent from the use of the tempuncture method, inquiries made of 20 only thalmologists in America and ophthalmologists in three European chinics reveal that, in their hands the Conin method has resulted in cure in not more than from 10 to 15 per cent of cases Mckeown favors the Guest method, with which he obtained a cure in 6 and improvement in 3 of 12 rases. He attributes the better results of this method to the larger area treated Penichet (70) recommends the Guist method especially for cases with degen erative my opic changes and thore with choroiditis. lues, tuberculosis, or aphabia. He uses Green s automatic trephire and the Adelman glass rods dipped in caustic. The latter have cork handles to facilitate handling Arruga (3) has mod fed the Guist method by using a 5 per cent solution of potassium hydroride which does not require neu tralization with acetic acid

I indner (60) has made an important modifica tion of the Gust method to be applied particular larly to macular detachments. The lateral rectus is severed (and sutured after the operation), the sclera cut 24 mm behind the limbus with a lan cet, the choroid exposed and separated from the sclera with a graduated spatula, and the interven ing space treated with potassium hydroude Trephine openings are then made anteriorly, the choroid is undermined, and potassium hydroxide is again injected. With the use of this 'undertour ing method fewer trephine openings are neces sary for the treatment of a larger area. In a case of macular hole vision improved from hand move ments to 0/8 with telescopic spectacles and the hole was closed with only the slightest residual central scotom: For the ordinary detachment a per cent potassium hydroxide is used but for macular holes from 1/100 to 1/25 c em of 2 6 per cent solution is injected

The distlemy neithed. The operative method now receiving the whest is then in select occopy lation. This may be said to offer the advantage of the Guist method (the production of a lig garea of adhesive choroiditis, which requires leverat localization of the holy unbout the technical difficulties and telebousness of chemical currention. Larson applies disthermly without

perforation over the detached area and at the conclusion of the procedure allows the subretinal fluid to escape through a trephine hole. Weve encircles the tear with a number of perforations made with a fine conical diathermy needle reaching the retina and from 40 to 50 ma of current turned on for one second at each entrance. Safář (79), working independently, devised small detachable electrodes of various shapes with needles 18 mm. long with which he made scleral punctures surrounding the tear, causing coagulation of the underlying choroid. When the needles are removed at the conclusion of the operation the subretinal fluid escapes through the punctures.

Walker (105) has devised very satisfactory equipment for this type of work, viz., iridiumhardened platinum detachable micropins which are non-insulated and therefore give some transscleral dosage (Larsson effect) These pins are kept threaded to prevent their loss, and are single so that they can be rotated to facilitate their Gresser (36) employs non-rusting electromagnetic 2-mm needles which obviate the necessity of trephining or piercing the sclera as sufficient subretinal fluid escapes through the openings made by the needles Gresser regards the withdrawal of subretinal fluid as essential for the operation He makes a complete ring of adhesions around the retinal tear with the high-frequency current. Schoenberg (85) has devised new electrodes which he considers better than the Safár and Walker electrodes They are made of indium platinum as well as stainless steel, like the latter, but are double and bent so that they peneare unnecessary

The strength of the current used in electrocoagulation is very inaccurate when measured by
ordinary means Coppez (15) has devised a pyrometric electrode which measures the amount of
heat produced at the point of application. This
is made possible by the incorporation of a thermoelectric couple in the electrode A temperature of
80 degrees C is advised The Coppez electrode
places the dosage on a much more accurate basis
than was previously possible Coppez advises
that two rows of applications be made at some
distance from the tear, one or more areas of coagulated sclera removed with the trephine, and the
holes carefully punctured with a needle to remove
the subretinal fluid

Klein (50) has modified the contact glass so that it may be used in observing the fundus ophthalmoscopically during electrocoagulation, an aid which should be equally valuable for other types of detachment operations.

Šafář (79) claims as advantages for the diathermy method a simple, uncomplicated technique, less trauma to the eye than in the use of other methods, and the possibility of treating an extensive area when necessary.

Weve (109) describes two methods In one, he uses a ball electrode which coagulates the sclera without perforation, and in the other, a perforating needle The first method is employed only for disinsertions and flat detachments

Kronfeld (54) thinks that the small openings from the needles do not insure drainage of the subretinal fluid and that it is better to make one or two trephine openings in addition.

Genet (28) uses diathermic coagulation by plunging the needle through the sclera into the pocket of the detachment and then turning the current on for two seconds It is only when the eye is soft and the needle does not penetrate the sclera readily that the conjunctiva is dissected away and the sclera incised with a knife.

Kadlicky (46) states that he has obtained the best results with diathermy when he has divided the diseased part of the retina from the healthy portion by connected areas of electrocoagulation. He thinks that the rupture is only an indication of the most diseased part of the retina, the parts adjacent to the tear being also pathological. Treatment of a wide area is therefore necessary. In cases in which such treatment was given the incidence of cure was 71.4 per cent whereas in the total number of cases operated upon it was 31 9 per cent

latter, but are double and bent so that they penetrate the sclera in an oblique direction Threads is be avoided. He states that one adequate operaare unnecessary tion is better than several repeated operations. Exact localization is essential even with this coagulation is very inaccurate when measured by

Electrolysis. Vogt (102), in May, 1934, suggested a method of treatment by electrolysis, with which he claims excellent results as yet unconfirmed by other workers. This method had been used by Schoeler in 1893 who paid no attention to the hole and whose results were not noteworthy. Multiple momentary punctures are made in and at the margin of the hole with the cathode (electrolysis needle), the anode lying on the eyeball. A current of from 0 5 to 1 ma is necessary. The method is very delicate, any number of applications may be made, the scars are delicate, and there is no danger from heat or caustic solutions or of producing new holes in the retina (as with diathermy).

The use of sutures. Rubbrecht (76), after experimenting on animal eyes, used sutures in clinical cases as a mechanical agent to produce an inflam-

matory reaction causing complete re attachment of the detached retina I neach case two silk sutures were passed through the sclera to include the de tachment. It is felt that much more work must be done before the place of sutures in the treat ment of detachment can be determined accurately

Complications The nature and decree of complications vary somewhat with the type of opera tion performed and with the experience of the operator Of a series of 155 eyes operated upon by Dunnington and Macnie (23), there were atrophic changes in the retina and choroid in 12 and hemorrhages into the vitreous in o In 2 5 per cent enucleation or evisceration of the eye became necessary. In Shapland's (88) large series of cases at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hos pital, complications following the Gonin operation included secondary tents, vitreous hemorrhage traumatic cataract, and transient uvertis Following the Lindner Guist procedure there occurred secondary rents, vitreous hemorrhage, uventis, vortex vein thrombosis and subretinal hemor thage After the Larsson method, complications were infrequent with the exception of secondary holes According to Guist (38) the chief compli cations are hemorrhage recrosis atrophy, and nutritional changes in the cornea. After operating on more than ooo cases Guist believes there is little danger from reneated operations and that if report precautions are taken it should be possible to obtain a cure in up to 85 per cent of cases

Rieger (74) reports a study of the eyes of pa tients operated on in the Second Eve Chnic at Vienna who were discharged with an unhealed detachment. In about 20 per cent the retina later became re attached (Gorin and Guist operations) Twenty five per cent of the patients became blind The incidence of blindness was about the same after the Guist and Gonin procedures but on the whole vision was better after the Guist operation. Total complicated cataract developed in 42 per cent of the eyes treated unruccessfully by ignipuncture and in 27 per cent of those treated unsuccessfully by multiple trephming and cau terization. Seventeen and six tenths per cent of the uncured eyes became atrophic after the Guist operation and 11 1 per cent after the Gonin opera tion. No cases of sympathetic ophthalmia were observed In a study of eyes operated upon suc cessfully in the same clinic, kleiner (51) found no instance of the development of cataract

In a series of 100 operations, Were (110) observed an anaphylaxis to diathermy in 2 cases previously treated by heat

Contra indications causes of failure It is now generally agreed that operative interference offers

the only hope of cure of retinal detachment since previous to the work of Gonin, 40 methods of treatment offered hope of cure in only I in Loco cases Most ophthalmologists favor early operation as giving the most favorable prognosis Safar (70) thinks that the best results are obtained by his method in cases in which the detachment has been present for less than five months He states that while re attachment has occurred following his treatment in several cases in which the detachment had been present for from one to three years these were not cases of total detachment and shrinkage of the retina Aphakic eyes rarely react well Old persons who cannot be kept in bed long and who bleed teachly are poor risks Similar poor experience with aphabic eyes has been reported by Dunnington and Macnie (23) who observed no improvement in 9 such eves operated upon for detachment. In 1012 Weve reported that he obtained a cure in only 33 per cent of aphakic eyes whereas the average inci dence of cure in cases of recent detachment was 80 per cent

Shapland (89) found that, of azz cases operated upon by the Gomin method, cure was obtained upon by the Gomin method, cure was obtained upon by the Gomin method, only to per cent of those in which it was performed after the detect ment had been prevent for more than six ments. Vogt (103) reports a case in which dathermy treatment of a detachment of seven and three of 9 diopters was followed by reattachment and improvement of vision from 1/200 to 1/30.

Verdaguer (100) reports that of a<sub>i</sub> cases which the treated by the Gomin operation he obtained a cure in 15. In the cases of all patients over fifty too years of age this treatment lained. Of the others the results were poorest in those in which the detachment started above and had migrated downward before the operation. Scaled (67) earlier than the cases of patients over sevently years of age who have a disturbance of the circulatory apps retains or a disconnection to the control of the control of the circulatory apps retains or a disposition, to themphosis.

Schoenberg (64) analyzes o failures in 32 cases operated upon by the diatherim method. In several of these the prognoss was poor because of long duration of the detachment with degeneration of the return and vitreous. Some of the fair over were accounted for by face of cooperation, but of the control of t

retnal fluid, and adherence of the retina to the vitreous

From a study of uncured cases of detachment in the Second Eye Clinic in Vienna, Rieger (74) concluded that old age of the patient, long duration and large extent of the detachment, multiplicity, large size, and invisibility of the tears, and lack of cooperation on the part of the patient make the prognosis unfavorable. Traumatic detachments and detachments occurring in aphakic eyes are less amenable to treatment than detachments occurring in myopic eyes. Rieger attributes this fact to the myopic degeneration of the vitreous which relieves the retina of the inward traction so often exerted by the normal vitreous

Shortening of the retina may make replacement impossible. In cases with this complication Lindner (61) has attempted to shorten the scleral capsule by a modification of the method first advocated by Muller. In 13 cases operated upon in this manner there were no serious complications. Lindner says that the operation for cure of the detachment should be delayed for at least one week after the globe-shortening operation.

According to Arruga (3), the favorable factors for operation are recent occurrence of the detachment, youth and good general condition of the patient, limitation of the lesion, and absence

of external and internal ocular reactions

Prophylactic and pre-operative treatment Lindner (63) writes of the "prevention" of spontaneous retinal detachment by the prevention of tearing in cases of choroiditis, myopia, and senility which favor the occurrence of tears Theoretically, the following procedures may be considered (a) interruption of the nerves to the extra-ocular muscles, (b) the excision of pieces of the muscles, (c) optical restriction of eye movements by the use of glasses with strong peripheral aberration, and (d) the use of stenopeic spectacles The optical method is probably the most practical as the "Lochbrille" with a central clear area of 4 or 5 mm restrict the visual field too much Although Lindner has never performed an operation for the prevention of retinal detachment he believes that some day such an operation may be done when detachment is imminent

Gonin (33) urges that non-operative treatment be instituted if operation for the cure of detachment cannot be performed immediately. He states that after accurate localization the eye should be completely immobilized. Lying flat will not be beneficial unless the detachment is above Removal of the subretinal fluid leads to transient improvement, but usually does not prevent recurrence of the detachment. Weekers (106) pro-

duces immobilization of the globe by injecting r c cm of a 1:500 solution of oxycyanate of mercury behind the eyeball. This produces a severe inflammatory reaction (beneficial to the detachment) and exophthalmos, and keeps the globe immobile for a period of several weeks. Eventually the inflammation clears up, leaving the eye undamaged

As vitreous resting on a wrinkled retina for twelve hours is not able to smooth out the folds in this membrane, Martinez (66) concludes that immobilization alone will not cure detachment

although it may be of aid postoperatively.

Postoperative treatment. Safár (79) keeps both eyes bandaged for from ten to twelve days after the operation His patients then wear stenopeic spectacles and are kept at rest in bed for from two to three weeks. He emphasizes that absolute quiet is necessary, and that attention should be paid to the general condition, especially in the cases of old persons At the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Shapland, 88) it has been the practice to bandage both eyes and place the patient in such a position that the retinal hole is in the most dependent part of the eve Atropine is instilled daily and the fundus examined on the fourth and eighth days On the eighth day the dressings are removed if there has been no improvement, but if the detachment is cured or nearly cured, the eyes are rebandaged for another seven days Absolute rest is insisted upon Atropine is instilled daily for a month Schoenberg (83) makes no fundus examinations until after from ten to fourteen days. He removes the sutures at the end of the third week He then keeps both eyes bandaged for two weeks and at the end of that time prescribes the wearing of stenopeic spectacles for two months He forbids reading, automobile riding, and sexual intercourse for three months

Arruga (6) agrees that rest of the eye is the most important postoperative factor in healing of the detachment. He obtains it by suturing the lid to the eyeball, which he thinks is more effective than the use of stenopeic spectacles. He believes that if the eye is completely immobilized the relation of the position of the detachment to the position of the head is of no importance. Like Weekers, he has found retrobular injections of aid in obtaining complete immobilization

## POSTOPERATIVE RESULTS

The re-attached retina Kronfeld (53) calls attention to the fact that from the patient's viewpoint the end-result is not anatomical re-apposition of the retina but restoration of function and

the ability to see. By careful permetine tudies in 6 cases k-rofield found no permanent remote notions effects from uncomplicated operations by the Gonta Lindner Guist or Weve Salar methods. He states that the prognosis is favorable in partial or complete miscular detachments of less than two mouths duration and in partial macular detachments of over two months duration. Out soft the hinted areas of operation the 2 degree white isopter was normal and the 0.19 degree white isopter was normal and the orig degree supper constructed the degree of constriction depending upon the duration of the detachment and also perhaps on the axe of the mattern.

Dunungton and Manne (2) found the preoperative helds corresponding closely to the area of detachment. They believe that if a careful permettre study is made postoperaturely some impairment of function will nearly aways be found, the amount depending not upon the preoperative valubity of the detacked retuna, but upon the damage resulting from the operative proedure. However, the grosser field for form wu

ally returns to normal.

kitener (13), analyzing the cases operated upon successfully at the Second Eye Clinic in Vienna, old erword that central usion and the visual field immoved slowly after the return became restricted. In 70 p per cent of the cases maximum vision was reached within the first year, and in the remaining 20 or per cent within the second variable and the control of the return was showes, the fields not becoming full until the second year in 50 per cent of the cases.

According to Sallmann and Svensson (86) the visual acuty, obtained depends chiefly upon the prestous duration of the detachment. If this was not over three months vision should be good the cleeken morths vision of tomo at the 2s and the cleeken morths vision of time of 16 0.2 s in the vision at the test containing fingers and not more than three operations are required. The amount of the detachment and the age of the patient wonly important. The visual field expectably of the properties of the detachment and the age of the patient wonly important. The visual field expectably for the properties of th

Salilard (sql reports a cases operated upon by the Larson technique in which the immediate result was a failure but after sweral weeks the retina became re-attached perhaps because the scar permitted thad to pass through in the early stage and final closure resulted in absorption of the subsectinal fluid and prevented more from resching the space Comparison of rathods As pointed out by Coulden (31) the determination of the percentage of patients cured by a method of treatment must depend of course on the defaution of chincil cure and also on whether the patients were selected for that treatment or all patients with detachment were included in the series without regard to the prognous. Therefore a comparison of the per certages of cure obtained by various ophthal mologists with the various methods is not very significant.

significant (30) does not believe that electricoagua tion is likely to replace his ignipuncture method, but concedes that when it is necessary to place a large chain of adhesions as in a large tear, a large dissinstrop, or a detachment of unknown ongo there are advantages to electrocoagulation and the Guist Landoner technique He prefers distinction of the control of the control

McKeown (6,1) concludes that most surgeons are not obtaining the high percentage of curse with appropriative claimed by Goma and hat bet ter results are possible with the Gust method Castrovrejo (7) reports that at the Medual Center of Columbia University a curse sobthred in 5; per cent of the cases treated by the Goun method and in 40 per cent of those treated by the Gust method.

Safar (79) obtained a cure in 85 per cent of the first 40 cases in which he operated by the dia thermy method in 1934 and in 57 5 per cent of the 40 in which he used this method in 1933 whereas in cares of uncomplicated detachment of nor more than two months duration the incidence of cure was 90 per cent.

Of a scree of 150 cases reported by Dunnington and Matoni (13), 6 were operated upon by the Gonin technique with failure in all Of 42 it which the chemical canternation method of Guest was used core resulted in 45 ip per cent and in provement in 0.5 per cent. Of 18 cases the electrocoxydition method of Walker resulted of the Communicion and Matonic theories concluded that chemical cauterization and distherms give about equal results.

In comparing the results of the methods used in the series of any cases of retinal detachment at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Shapland (88) found that the best results were obtained at a dritherm by the Larsson method, the in cidence of cure being 47 2 per cent following that method as compared with 27.6 per cent following the Gonin method and 25.3 per cent following the Guist-Lindner method. King (48) also favors the Larsson method.

Engelking (24) has abandoned the Gonin operation and adopted Weve's diathermy. He believes his results with the newer method are much better than those he obtained with the older method, and that the newer method is as effective as, and less complicated than, the use of caustic potash Weve (111) reports that in 1932 he obtained a cure by his method in over 80 per cent of cases in which the detachment had been present for less than two months. Vogt (101) has used the Weve technique for peripheral tears but the galvanocautery for large tears at the ora

Pischel (73) is optimistic with regard to the diathermy method. He reports 6 cures in 16 unsclected cases, 10 of which were unfavorable

Peter (71) believes that electrocoagulation offers a means of treating retinal detachment which is less traumatic, less time-consuming, less tedious, and more efficient than any of the other methods previously advanced He recommends particularly Walker's equipment

After a year's experience with the ignipuncture method and a second year with the Guist-Lindner method, Knapp (52) reports 12 cases operated upon by electrocoagulation with cures in 8 and improvement in 2. He states that because of the dangers and difficulties of the other methods and the good results obtained by diathermy, the latter method has become very popular. In the cases reported he used the Safar electrodes

Pischel (72) beheves that the Safář operation has all the advantages of the Lindner-Guist procedure without its disadvantages. The disadvantages of the Larsson method are the uncertain transscleral dosage, the extensive destruction of the choroid and retina, and the single trephine hole for drainage.

According to Coppez (14), diathermy under pyrometric control best meets the requirements in the majority of cases

Among others favoring diathermy as the method of choice are Jeandelize and Baudot (44), Spratt (91), Kirwan (49), and Kadlicky (46).

Late in 1932 Arruga (3) reported on 216 cases which he had observed. Of these, 164 were operated upon, with cure in one-third. At first, Gonin's operation was done, but later was abandoned for the use of the galvanocautery. Still later, Arruga adopted the Guist technique because it requires less exact localization of the tear than the older method. An analysis of 83 cases treated at the

Second Eye Clinic in Vienna revealed a higher degree of success with the Guist than with the Gonin technique (51). In the same clinic, Sallmann and Sveinsson (80) found that ignipuncture caused more damage to the fields than the Guist method.

Von Hippel (40) has had more success with the Weve diathermy method than with the Gonin method. He has not used the Guist or Lindner procedures

CONCLUSIONS

Gonin deserves credit for establishing the operation for retinal detachment upon a scientific and rational basis which can offer some hope of cure to the sufferer previously doomed to blind-However, developments during the past two years indicate that operative procedures which produce a greater area of adhesive choroiditis than can be obtained with the cautery are more likely to succeed than cautery methods. Of the operative methods now in use, diathermy offers the greatest promise as the chemical cauterization method of Guist is too complicated for the average surgeon and requires too much time. Perforating electrocoagulation seems to be the preferred method Newer refinements in the electrodes and the more accurate dosage now possible with the pyrometric electrode make for increasing success

While the rôle of the tear in the detachment is still unproved, knowledge regarding the pathological processes preceding the tear and bringing on the detachment is being gradually increased. In the past two years there has been much progress in this direction which should lead to a better understanding in the future. The nature and treatment of retinal detachment are not yet a closed book.

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# ABSTRACTS OF CURRENT LITERATURE

# SURGERY OF THE HEAD AND NECK

## HEAD

Martin, H. E., and Pflueger, O. H.: Cancer of the Check (Buccal Mucosa): A Study of Ninety-Nine Cases, with the Results of Treatment at the End of Five Years. Arch Surg, 1935, 30 731.

An unselected series of ninety-nine cases of cancer

of the cheek is subjected to critical analysis

Carcinoma of the buccal mucosa constitutes 9 5 per cent of all intra-oral tumors. It is chiefly a discase of old age and is seen less often in young persons than any other form of intra-oral cancer. In the cases reviewed by the author the average age of the patients was fifty-nine years. The right and the left cheek were involved with about equal frequency. The site most often involved is the midportion of the cheek opposite the occlusal level of the teeth, but a considerable number of the carcinomas arise just posterior to the labial commissure

Chronic irritation is a more obvious etiological factor in carcinoma of the cheek than in any other type of intra-oral cancer. The most common chronic irritants to the buccal mucosa are sharp and broken teeth, ill-fitting dental appliances, syphilis, and

tobacco

Leukoplakia is a common precancerous response to chronic irritation of the mucous membranes composed of flat pavement epithelium. It was found in about 70 per cent of the cases of cancer of the cheek reviewed by the authors. In susceptible persons, chronic irritation may produce either cancer or leukoplakia or both In some cases the leukoplakia

may undergo malignant change

The diseases other than cancer which most commonly produce ulcerated lesions of the buccal mucosa are syphilis, tuberculosis, superficially ulcerated or fissured leukoplakia, herpes, and simple granulomas (trauma, Vincent's angina) A positive Wassermann reaction alone does not rule out the presence of cancer as in a large percentage of cases syphilis and cancer co-exist Tuberculous ulcers may occur on the buccal mucosa, but are more common on the tongue They usually present a yellowish, unbealthy base which is in contrast to the coarse, granular appearance of cancerous lesions, and they are likely to be tender and painful. The diagnosis is made by the aid of biopsy (preferably repeated), roentgen examination of the chest, and examination of the sputum Tuberculous ulcers of the oral mucous membranes are almost invariably secondary to demonstrable pulmonary tuberculosis. A definite diagnosis of simple granuloma should never be made until the results of biopsy have been found re-

peatedly negative for cancer. Biopsy may be temporarily delayed if there is a history of recent adequate trauma such as biting of the cheek

Nine-five per cent of cancers of the cheek are epidermoid carcinomas. Adenoid tumors may arise from minor salivary glands of the buccal mucosa. In one of the cases reviewed by the authors the lesion was a myxosarcoma.

The average duration of the symptoms, according to the statements of the patients, was nine months In only 18 per cent were the symptoms present for

less than two months

The early tendency toward invasion of the neighboring structures indicates the unsuitability of surgical measures for control of the primary lesion and explains the indifferent surgical results reported in the hterature. While extension to the lower jaw alone or to the lips might be dealt with by extensive surgical procedures, there is little chance of controlling involvement of the lateral pharyngeal wall or of the palate by even the most extensive surgical intervention.

Metastases tend to occur comparatively late in the course of the disease Although, in the cases reviewed, the average duration of symptoms prior to the patient's admission to the hospital was nine months, fifty-six (56 per cent) of the patients had no palpable nodes at the time of admission. As a rule the disease does not extend beyond the submaxillary triangle. This fact is of great importance in dealing with metastases to the nodes of the neck

In the treatment of cancer of the cheek, three distinct problems must be considered the hygienic care of the oral cavity before and during the treatment, the treatment of the primary lesion, and the

management of the cervical metastascs.

A sharp tooth, especially if in contact with the lesion, should be filed smooth or possibly extracted. The extraction of a large number of teeth should be avoided as the attendant laceration of the gums temporarily increases oral sepsis and delays treatment. The extraction of teeth following heavy irradiation is so commonly followed by osteomyelitis that, in spite of the chances of local spread of the disease, the authors often advise the extraction of a limited number of condemned teeth. In all cases the surfaces of the teeth should be thoroughly cleaned by a dentist and the patient instructed in the use of a toothbrush

The most successful treatment of carcinoma of the cheek is a combination of irradiation and surgical intervention. The primary lesion should be treated almost entirely by irradiation. In the cases re-

viewed the plan was first to give one application of external roentgen irradiation. The akin portal in cluded the primary lesion and the submanillary triangle. In a few cases the radium element pack was used to deliver about the same skin dose at a distance of 6 cm. This dosage was ordinarily a little more than I skip erythema dose. After its administration a tray with an area of so so cm and a filter of a mm of brass at a distance of a cm . was applied externally to the cheek opposite the primary lesion and a dose of from a soo to soon me hrs was administered. At the present tame the authors are giving the external irradiation through the cheek to the primary lesion in multiple chyided doses of roentgen irradiation rather than by the use of the single dose of rocateer rava and the radon tray From 2 500 to 3 500 units are given in from ten to fifteen divided doses over a period of from two to three weeks with a circular skin nortal 7 or 8 cm in diameter. In the cases reviewed the exter nal gradiation was tollowed by inter-titudigradiation by means of gold implants (with a filter of o t mm of gold) which were inserted into the primary lesion In certain instances -often not in the most make nant cases-the growth tends to fungate into the mouth rather than to infiltrate the cheek deeply in such cases the remod of convalencemes may be shortened by removing the tumor mass to the level of the mucosa with the actual cautery

If no nodes are pulpable at the time of the patients admission to the hospital the authors usually give one treatment by external irradiation to the cervical region. They then give no further treatment to the nerk until definite pulpable evidence of the presence of metastases appears. They are opposed to mobilization, excluding the property of the presence of metastases appears.

If metastates are present at the tune of the patients admission to the hospital the authors would perform a neak dissection after the primary lesson has been controlled or insert gold seeds after erposing the nodes by a short incusion through only the akin and superimed tissues. This exposure pertaggregates are superimal tissues. This exposure pertaggregates are superimal tissues are the supertient of the superimal tissues are supertients. The properties of the superallows accurate balencement of the mediants.

In cases of hemotrhage from erosion of the facial artery by an extensive uncontrolled primary lesion heation of the external carotid aftery may be nec essary The heavy irradiation of extensive disease in the lower gangyobuccal gutter or its extension to the lover saw may be followed by osteomyelitis of the mandible. If the osteomyclitis does not in volve the entire cross section of the mandible con servature treatment is indicated until the sequestrum separates If the osteomicht's has involved the entire cross-section of the lower jaw resection of a portion of the mandible may be indicated. The operation is performed through the mouth without skin incisions as external scarring and injury to the facial nerve are thereby avoided. In resection a portion of the horizontal ramus it is adersable to remove the ascending ramus as well for if this is

left it will cause merhanical disturbances and thereby delay healing

Of the patients whose cases are reviewed 30 per cent were living and free from disease at the end of five years

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Leithauser D J and Cantor M O Lugol s Solution in Acute Secondary Paretitis Ann Surg

Acute accordary parutitis is a rare complication which has an unusually high mortality especially when it follows a major surgical operation

When an organ is active in the dimination of a drug that drug if it has an anti-eptic action is let quently found to be beneficial in combating infection of the organ. The beneficial effects of anti-eptic eliminated through the kidneys in infrast principle in the company that is considered and reportly eliminated by the parotid gland the authors administered Lugois solution in large and authors administered Lugois solution in large and proposed and the company parotitus. They gave is talk in the proposed has in authors administered Lugois to facilities and the secondary parotitus and the company of the company of

In ten cases of acute secondary paroxius treated by this method which the authors report there were no deaths whereas with the usual as implement treatment of the disease the mortality is over 3, per cent Swing L kans VI D

Portmann U 1 The Treatment of Sallvary Fis tula by Irradiation Ann Su 2 1013 101 11,6

Salvaty fistulas may be relieved by temporary supersono of the secretory activity of the ghads. When apontaneous healing of fatulas of the submanillary or sublingual glands is delayed or surg alremoval of these ghand appears necessary for the circo of fistula a trail of irradiation is advisable as this treatment is frequently successful.

In cases of parotid histulis, surgery is often urusiislatory. The author enumerates the difficulties encountered reviews the impurical and experimental data which led to the use of tradition in the treament of parotid histulis, and cites a number of cases including three of his own in which irradiation was employed with pood results.

In each of the authors three cases 800 I as measured on the skin over the parotic flard were given in applications of 400 I on each of two suc ceeding days. Presumably a high oldage (180 kV or mare) and beary filtration (not le s than 0.5 mm of copper) were employed as these are recommended by the author.

In corclusor Portmann says that as the accretory activity of the salvary plands may be suppressed by irradiation this treatment may acreet draugage in eases of paroid fatula. The function of the glands may be resumed in about four months but in the meantime the fist, lo usually closes. It serpass recurs the fist, low sully closes it serpass recurs the fist, low sully closes it serpass recurs the fist, low sully closes. It serpass recurs the fist, low sully close it serpass recurs the fist, low sully close it serpass recurs the fist, low sully close it is expassed and the gland again tradiated. In pa touched resistant cases irradiation might be emploised to suppress the sullyary screen to temporarily before a subject of the sullyary screen to temporarily before a

plastic operation is attempted. While the function of the gland may be stopped by irradiation permanently if necessary, temporary suppression is sufficient for the closure of fistulas.

ADOLPH HARTUNG, M D.

Geschickter, C. F.: Tumors of the Jaws. 1m. J. Cancer, 1935, 24, 99.

The author reports on 323 cases of jaw tumors which were classified as follows:

Tu n · 7	Carrs	Cares
Derial and benign osseous tumors		265
Radicular cysts	57	
Follocular or dentigerous cysts	15	
ldamantinomas .	45	
Odontemas	5 51	
Giant-cell epulis .		
Central giant cell turnors	25	
Osteomas and ossifying filtromas .	70	
Mahanant orscous tumors		44
Ostengenic sarcarans		
Sclerosinz	10	
Cl ondral	2	
I'ming's sarcom's	10	
Turns with skeletal and jan involve-		
ment ,	8	
Epithelial tumors		1.
Epidermal cancers exclusive of antral		
tumors	9	
Adenocystic basal cell carcinomas	2	
Metastatic careinomas	3 1	
Aberrant parotid	ť	
Total		323

The embryology of the tooth is discussed in order to clarify the origin of various neoplasms. It is pointed out that teeth are ectodermal organs and that the dental lamina and the enamel organ may give rise to strands of undifferentiated basal cells which may take part in tumor formation and form the epithelial lining of certain cystic tumors. More primitive elements of the enamel bud may produce a mixture of epithelial elements characteristic of adamantinomas.

Dental tumors are benign, slowly growing tumors occurring in young adults and producing central

cystic expansions within the jaws

Radicular eysts are fairly common dental tumors characterized by the formation of a cyst about the root of a devitalized tooth as a sequela to chronic inflammatory changes. These cysts expand slowly and without causing symptoms unless they become infected. They have an epithelial lining

Follicular or dentigerous cysts are relatively rare. They arise from the epithelium of the enamel organ of a non-erupted tooth. They are lined with epithelium.

thelium and are similar to dental root cysts. Adamantine epitheliomas are potentially malignant homologues of follicular cysts. They are more common in the lower than the upper jaw. They grow slowly and frequently are first noted because of the loosening of teeth. They may be monocystic or polycystic. The microscopic picture is variable.

Rickets may be an etiological factor as it produces

defects in the development of the tooth germ and enamel, causing the budding off of islands of enamel-blastic cells. The treatment indicated is resection as the growth is at least locally malignant.

Adamantinomas occurring in the ovary, tibia,

and hypophyseal duct have been reported

Odontomas are mixed tumors arising from the enamel epithelium and connective tissue of the dental pipilla. The mesenchymal elements usually predominate. Odontomas are of 2 types—a soft undifferentiated type resembling the adamantinoma and a hard, ossified, benign type.

Epithelial hypertrophy, granulation tissue, and angiomatous areas are frequently found in the gums of pregnant women. A disturbance of the endocrine balance may be the ethological factor. Strict oral

hygiene is indicated

The giant-cell epulis arises from the alveolar dental perio-teum immediately surrounding a tooth. It is firm and red, and on microscopic examination shows many multinucleated giant cells in a fibrous stroma. It may be treated by cauterization or external irradiation. It is related to the normal pro-liferation of the odontoclasts occurring in the comentum about the roots of deciduous teeth and providing for the shedding of these structures.

Central giant-cell tumors of the jaw occur within the oscous substance of the jaw. They are correlated in their points of origin with the portions of the skull and jaws derived from cartilage, and are apparently related to the resorption of calcified

cartilage by giant-cell o-teoclasts

Being ossifying tumors of the jaw are growths of a more cellular type which occur in younger individuals and are frequently regarded as fibrosarcomas. Cortical bone is produced at the margin of these growths. The tumors are composed of fibrous tissue containing osseous spicules.

The osteomas are a more differentiated form of

ossilying fibroma. Their course is very beingn.
Osteogenic surcomas are fairly rare. Their course is very rapid. On roentgen examination irregular dense foci of new bone production are to be seen alternating with areas of bone destruction. The margin of the tumors will show a periosteal reaction with occasional spicule formation extending at right angles. These neoplasms do not differ microscopically from osteogenic sareomas arising subperiosteally in the long bones.

Chondrosareomas apparently arise from benigh cartilaginous rests embedded in the mandible near the symphysis or at the angle. Their growth is usually not rapid. They should not occur in the mandla as this is a membranous bone. The roomingenogram shows an area of osteoporosis. Erosion without expansion is the rule. All cartilaginous lesions of the jaw should be treated radically.

Ewing's sarcoma of the jaw is histologically similar to Ewing's sarcoma found in the long bones Roentgenographically the lesions are not characteristic. The tumor is quite radiosensitive, irradiation causing a marked temporary diminution in its size.

Generalized skeletal diseases which may have their chinical onset in the jaws are Paget's disease you Recklinghausen's fibrocystic disease multiple ostetits fibrosa cystica, and rullinle myeloma

The most common malignant epithelial tumors involving the jaw are carcinoma of the auturn and carcinoma of the lip or huccal mucosa involving the mandable Carcinoma of the lip may enter the mandable by way of the fymphatics through the mental foramen. Lory T Brats, M D

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Lamb H D The Pathogenesis of Some Intra Ocular Osscous Tissue True Metaplasia in the Eye Am J Ophik 1935 18 400

Bit ne formation in cyss involved by inflarimation of long standing orcurs within connectivities or drived from retinal and caliary body pigment. The connective tissue is selenced and poorly vascular land but his near tissue with a good blood alpha. Metaplass includes iransformation of one type of tisse into another and the production of tissue by called which normally produce it as of another land called which correlately produce it as of another land mented epithelial cells of the caliary body and retinate to birbolisms.

Lagrange II The Pathogenic Problem of So-Called Critical Allergic Conjunctivitis Brill J Oph t

Spring of vernal conjunctivities was for years grouped with injectious consunctivities. Beginning 10 1816 Arlt Desmarres and von Gracie reported cases differentiating vernal from infectious con moctivatis Terson considered these forms associated with arthritis while Angeluces attributed them to a lymphatic constitution. In 1872 Saemisch called attention to the periodicity of the disease Schrieber concluded that the flowering season of grasse was an essential factor in exacerbations of the signs of irritation. Many attributed the con-Experiments on sensitized dition to sunlight animals have proved that proteins instilled into or beneath the conjunctiva give rise to anaphylactic reaction. In 1011 the author reported a cale of conjunctival reaction in a patient with diabete and another in a patient with myxedema and oversan In 1928 he described vernal con monficiency sunctivitis in children at the prepuberal age

In conclusion he says Pecent angles have shown the influence of the organovegetatise nervous system and of the glands of internal secretion in spring conjunctivities Virgin Wegori M.D.

Last M. A. A. Mixed Tumor of the Orbit of the Salizary Gland Type. Successful Remoral with Preservation of the Eyebali irck Ophib 1935 13 812

The author pre ents this case because of the un usual character of the tumor and its occurrence with ocular signs due to pressure on the globe In discussing this type of neophium he states that many of the tumors described as mixed tumor of deletion many of the tumors decided as mixed tumor of deletions and gland may have had their origin in ectors that type apparently originate from tests which represent the anlagen of all time germania layers they are formed from the unused blastomere, at a later stage than the smore complex transmass of germods though the anlagen may be distal to the part of gland they are referred to as a partial resistance of the stage of

On the basis of the predominating commonents these heterotypical tymors have been classified as adenocarianomas chondrosarcomas and other types of neoplasms As a rule they show all the cell types seen in mixed tumors of the parotid According to Essing they are more complete in the region of the parotid dyind than ejeschere. These occurring in extraparotid region usually falls into the group of adenoid cystic epitheliomas or cylindromas. The tumor in this authors a case was very complete the control of the contr

is classified with the provide and a bravilary guants. In a review of a large sumber of the numerous in a review of a large sumber of the numerous gland and the descriptions and photomic tempth of the neoplasms were apparently soldated from the lichrymat gland. Some were de cribed as being disfinitely separated. Van Duyse reported a cise in which on removal of the lacknymal gland come where the country and the provided and the most offered as a similar nodular tumor of the mixed growthe accessory, and the man heshiymat glands. Peters described such tumors as ash are gland mixed tumors of the region of the lacknymal glands.

Inter orbital masses located about the gober may give not to equiler compression phenomena. Among the latter are functation of the mobility of the globe coophishamous nowlvement of the moreight globe in their marks orbital course signs due to present on the opts, once or macular pigmentary chair detachment of the returns changes in the autiler fractive nodes assignantic changes and the farmation of folds in the return. Knapp described the occurrence of folds and gigmentary dependance at the

macula due to scleral indentation.

The corrugation folds noted in the case reported.

by the author were of a straight line type. They of ver reembled the soluted throle more retail treation folds that are arranged circumferentially a the periphery of the reints soon after custiments or certain cases of detachment of the continuous in certain cases of detachment of the latter they are distall to the area of custimization in the unit of the continuous conti

went disappear within about three months after eperation. Momentary pressure exerted on the silera with a plass rod apportently does not cause the formation of each folds.

Asthmaticm due to bulbar compression is usually excited with invopic or hyperopic changes. Kirlah reported a case in which astigmatism of the abovers as produced by bulber compression. It is probable that a least some of the astigmatism is not to the corneal and charv-lenticular distortion of the anterior segment. These changes are probably exceedure to the posterior bulbar changes.

Listi L McCor M.D.

Blelschowsky, A.: Lectures on Motor Anomalies of the Lyes. IV. Functional Neuroses; Etiology, Prognosis, and Treatment of Ocular Paralysis. 100 1974th., 1035, 13-752

In the so-called dissociation movements the eyes are not held rigidly as in true spasms. They do not obey the patient's vill, but move about irregularly and independently of each other. The supposition that temporary suspension of the association of movements of the eyes can occur merely as a symptom of hysteria is a strong contradiction to all pla siological and chrical facts by which the get eral validity of Hering's so-called law of association of movements of the eye is proved. Dissociated move ments occur during come, parcosis, and sleep, but it is beyond one's volitional power to contract either an individual eye muscle or the muscles of one eye alone. The symptoms adduced as proof of dissociation may be due to heterophoria becoming manifest intermittently when the patient becomes inattentive or to organic disease complicated by hysteria. It may be assumed that in some of the cases reported there was a lock of voluntary impulses because of inhibition of cortical function such as occurs in the hypnotic state. The most characteristic features of hysterical disturbances of ocular movements are their inconstancy and their amenability to treatment by suggestion

The incidence of paralysis of the trachlear nerve has shown a definite increase. Whereas previous to 1908 only to per cent of the author's cases of paralysis were cases of troublear nerve paralysis in the last twenty five years the percentage has increased to 20. The incidence of paralysis of the abdatens nerve has remained at about 25 per cent. Beliefingsky attributes the increased frequency of troublear perve paralysis to the introduction of Killian's epectation and other rather procedures on the frental same.

Spontaneous recovery occurred in 38 per cent of the total number of the author's cales of ocular paralysis. In the cases of paralysis of the trochlear nerve the incidence of recovery was about 57 per cent in those of paralysis of the abdirensnerve. nearly so per cent and in those of paralysis of the third nerve those of ophthalmonlesia and those of as octated paralyses only 28 per cent In the majorn's of cases of partly sia of the fourth and sixth nerves the cause is either a trauma or a tiny nuclear hemorrhage which may be reabsorbed within a short time whereas in the majority of other paral vses the lesion 1 more serious and in more than so per cent of them is due to syphilis or metasyph The possibility of spontaneous recovery is very shight after six months

Appropriate general measure must be used. Even in obscure cases a cure has been effected by measure of diaphoreties mercury indine and other medica ments. Special museures must be taken for disturbances of the circulatory apparatus.

The local treatment during the first stage is only palative. Occlusion of the pirally-ed eye is often quantoniable for the refire of intolerable diplopus but should not be continued any longer than ab colutely necessary. Firstns are of only lumited value Calvanue treatment is of value probably only as a

suggestive measure

Uperaive treatment may require more than one operation. The paralytic deviation of one eye must be corrected by uncreasing the efficiency of the paralyted muscle. It is now realized that the limit on of a paralyted muscle cannot be improved by weakening the antisponist of that muscle. The committee of the paralyted muscle cannot be improved by weakening the antisponist of that muscle. The committee of the paralyted muscle cannot be improved by weakening the antisponist of the treatment that the paralytic of the paralytic desired that t

Landolf's persistent propaganda his discouraged the use of tentomy in deviation whitever its origin but in absolutely rejecting tentomy Landolf has gone to the other extreme. The author uses a guardiet tentomy which enables him to monody reading the control of the control of

kronfeld P C. The Histological Appearance of Recent Retinal Tears. Arch Ophth. 1935. 13. 779

The author reports a case of shopathic retinal detachment of short duration in which the eye was removed three months after the detachment

Within four necha siter the coase of the symptoms several tears were found in this see. Their saw and tagged edges indicated evensive damage by inflam matory disease. An attempt to resitute, the treat appeared to be moderately successful, but a sudden stram occurring a few weeks later in an attempt to prevent a fall was followed in a few munited by the prevent a fall was followed in a few munited by the detachment noted at they interest in the field. The detachment noted at they direct in the fall ripidly and the patient preferred removal of the eye is another operation of doubtful value.

Kronfeld states that the detachment after the first engallution must have been the usual dosonand extension of a detachment in the upper bottom of a mew detachment. The latter is suggested by the fact that new tears developed in an area which was found normal on ophthal mosopic examination of weeks previously and by the patients oan observations which indicated that the new tears and detachment occurred only a few days before the vew was removed. It therefore appears that the

histological firdings were those characteristic of

one of the earliest stages of a tear. The additions segment and the least were normal except for a deep statener chamber. The cliuty muscle was of the myopic type. Two small group of ly mphocytes we e noted near the base of two cliary processes but there were no other ages of active or enactive indexyel in. The cliuty sputch hum mainly of the pars plans had proliferate somewhat to near the metric of critical services are before the contract of the contract to the contract t

The observations made in the held of operation confirmed those of Safaf, Fischer and Stallard The necroses of the sclera was only partially repaired after two and a half months The pre er at on of the retinal structure in many places supported Safa's conclusion regarding the relative harmless ness of the short pin electrodes. As in cases reported by others (Nordenson Kummell Redslob Sour dillet, the sequely of inflammatory or serile degen erative processes were seen in the retina and chorur? and had weakened the return structure to that texts occurred o could have occurred easily actual extent was of cour e greater than that described in the record of the findings as they were most extensive in the area of operation. The few fresh chorouditic infiltrations seen were not necessamly significant as they are often observed in e)es esthout retinal detachment The observations showed clearly how a retinal tear develops from an atrophic retinal lesion resulting from retino-

There were two spindle shaped tears probably of only a few days do attor. The cause of these was not clear as they extend to be only vague signs of previous pathological charges in the region involved. The author believes that there must have been changes mainly in the inner retinal layers which

were either invisible on previous examination or developed during the two months the patient was out of the hospital Hc says that if the thickness of the retina at the sites of the tears can be judged from the distance between the edge of the tears in the internal limiting membrane and the edge in the outer nuclear layer, the retina was very thin in those regions before the occurrence of the tears indicates that previous changes had occurred, mainly in the inner layers With regard to the probable cause of these changes, it can be stated only that it was not a primary choroiditis effects of other possible factors, such as a pulling action by the vitreous, ocular movements, a shrinking process within the retina itself, or a disturbance of hydrostatic pressure equilibrium, cannot be evaluated EDWARD S PLATT, M D

Baer, B. F., Jr., and Shipman, J. S.: Retinal Detachment. Pennsylvania M. J., 1935, 38, 475

The authors have operated upon twenty-two cases of retinal detachment. In six cases multiple trephination of the sclera with potassium hydroxide coagulation was done and, in three of these six, Weve diathermy needles were used in addition to the trephines Of this group, a successful result was obtained in only one and improvement in only one In sixteen cases the treatment consisted exclusively of electrocoagulation Of this group, a successful result was obtained in seven and improvement in three. Of the total number of cases, a successful result was therefore obtained in eight (36 3 per cent) One of the operations with a successful result was performed only about six weeks before this report was written. In three cases the retina remained in place, with good vision and a full field, for a month, but then became detached again. These cases are classified as showing no improvement

Retinal tears were found in only 31 8 per cent of the cases even though a repeated and careful search was made for them Of the seven cases in which tears were found, a successful result was obtained in three, and of the fifteen cases in which a tear was not found, a successful result was obtained in five The authors doubt the often repeated statement that a tear will always be found if a sufficiently careful search is made They state that success may be achieved in some cases in which a tear is not discovered. In their cases in which tears were found no technical method was used to localize the tear The axis in which the tear appeared was determined and its distance from the disk was estimated in disk diameters Eight millimeters were allowed from the limbus for the ciliary body In all cases in which a tear was seen and an attempt made to circumscribe it, the attempt was successful This was proved by looking into the eye nith the ophthalmoscope after the operation

The authors conclude that the best hope of obtaining a successful result in detachment of the retina is offered by electrocoagulation with either the Safar or the Walker needles

LESLIE L McCoy, M D

Vizquez-Barrière, A.: The Surgical Treatment of Detachment of the Retina (El tratamiento quirurgico del desprendimiento de la retina) Arch uruguazos de med, cirug y especial, 1935, 6 1

The author discusses the various methods of surgical treatment of detachment of the retina. He states that the choice of method to be used must depend upon whether a single small tear, a single large tear, several small tears, or no tear is found.

He believes that for cases with a single small tear which is readily accessible Gonin's method of closing the tear with the actual cautery is best, but many ophthalmologists prefer the electrical cautery as producing less trauma and being more readily controlled He does not agree with Gonin that the laccration is the primary cause of the detachment of the retina, but believes that it is an obstacle to permanent re-attachment of the retina as it causes an inversion of the current of the eye fluid and maintains the same pressure on both sides of the retina Occlusion of the tear is necessary to restore the normal condition in which the pressure is greater Instead of Gonin's on the side of the vitreous method of heat cauterization, Sourdille uses a very fine galvanocautery and recommends very shallow and very brief cauterization For cases of detachment at the ora serrata Weve recommends transscleral diathermy coagulation

In cases with a single large tear it is well to block the tear by creating a row of adhesions around it either by diathermy puncture or the chemical cautenzation of Guist

The author reports seventeen cases in which he performed the Gonin, Weve, Sourdille, and Guist-Lindner operations He states that cure is to be judged as much, if not more, from restoration of the normal visual fields as from increased acuity of Ophthalmoscopically, cure is shown by total re-attachment of the retina Cure cannot be considered definite until at least six months have elapsed as recurrences are apt to occur within that length of time According to these criteria, cure resulted in five of his cases and improvement in three One patient is still under treatment. In four cases further operations were necessitated by hemorrhage or opacity of the vitreous Two of the patients would not accept a second operation and two were lost from observation Needless to say, the treatment should include the treatment of any general disease to which the detachment may be secondary, such as tuberculosis, syphilis, or albuminuric retinitis AUDREY GOSS MORGAN, M D

Lauber, H.: The Formation of Papilledema. Arch Ophth, 1935, 13 733

Papilledema is one of the most important signs of intracranial as well as ocular pathological change. As long as the alterations in the disk are limited to edema there is only slight functional disturbance, which is evidenced by enlargement of the blind spot Other functional disturbances occurring in the early period of papilledema are to be attributed to the

condition causing the papilledema itself Tumors abscesses hydrocephalus and other diseases can cause both visual disturbances and papilledema

Various theories and experimental investigations regarding the development of papifiedema are discussed, and a study of the relation of intracramal pressure to relinal arterial and venous pressure is

reported According to the findings of the author's study retinal venous pressure is intimately related to the intracranial n essure An increase in the latter causes an immediate increase in the former. If the intracranial pressure is below aco min of water, the error does not exceed 4 mm Hg and if the intra cranial pressure is above aco mm of water the error is less than a mm. Hg. In all of the author's cases of increased intracranial pressure the diastolic arterial pressure was increased whether nanifledema was present or not but this correlation can be of value only when the general blood pressure and the vascular system are rormal. It therefore does not allow any approximate determination of the intra ceanial pressure. Measurement of the retinal venous pressure with the ophthalmodynamometer is a sufficiently exact method for the determination of intracranial pressure. This method is of value when examination of the spinal fluid is unnecessary or as in cases of tumor in the posterior cranial depression lumbar nuncture may be dangerous. Its reliability has been proved by the author in ninety three cases

Clinical observations and experimental results and tend to show that obstruction to the wenus circulation in the optic nerve is an important factor in papilledem. Pressure in the intervienal spaces of the optic nerve is interested when the intervenal appressure rises and the accumulation of excelbroizal fluid between the sheaths of the optic rerve is necessary for the occurrence of papilledem. Pressure rises and the accumulation of excelbroization with the occurrence of papilledem. Since the occurrence of papilledems has is proved by the \_yndrome described by Kennedy and by cases reported by others.

EDWARD S PLATE M D

#### EAR

Costen J B A Group of Symptoms Frequently involved in General Diagnosis Typical of Sinus and Far Disease and of Mandibular Joint Fathology J Wisseurs State M Ass. 1935. 31 184

Costen states that headache and ear symptoms circuit's dependent upon Internoil disturbiances of the mandbultar joint frequently occur in cases show may sufficient path logical change about the snusses to account for them Because of the multiplicity of medical rithnological and ophibilationological causes of headache about the ears vertex and occupat and the multiplicity of insall changes that rany lead to existachian tube obs ruction the possibility that evalusion of the condivic of the mandblie from over

bite is responsible is often not considered.
Hearing tests reveal a mild type of catarrhal oftis with eustachian tube involvement, usually

sumple obstruction. This is due to pressure on the anterior membranous wall of the tube transmitted through the soft tissues from relixation of the pterygoid muscles and associated sphenomardibular heatments during overful.

The promptness with which the condition of the ears improves seems to diprove the theory that the ear involvement is due to trauna or concursor of the labyrinth or tympanic Lirictura by the candyle of the mandible Cases of shock to the labyrinth from a blow on the chin a e not within the scone of the author a discussion.

Attacks of dizziness in these cases are due obviously to changes in intratyingham pressure affecting the labyeinth. The effect is transient and recurrent and as relieved by inflation of the custachan tube. The incture is not that noted in toxic labyringhits.

The headache is similar to the headache of poster or transition of the latter Persistence of headache after indicated sinus surgery is sometimes due to pathological changes in the mandibular tout.

At first the symptoms are due to overaction of the joint. Later there is added the regional effect of looseness of the joint due to absorption of the meniscus condules and surrounding bone.

Analysis of thirty-one cases indicates that exsymptoms predominate in edentitious mouths in which the symptoms develop slowly, whereas pain with or without herpes of the external canal and buccal mucosa predominates in case of ratical malocelusion or malocelusion from lova of molar support on one side only

The progness in a given case depends on (s) the accuracy with which relited dentures relieve absormal pressure on the joint and the increase in the vertical dimension keeps the moving condyle out of range of the dura, chorda tympani and aircubemporal nerves and (s) the extent of injury to the

tube condyle meanscuis and joint cappule.

Anatomical reasons are advanced to secount for
the abnormal condition of the ensistebant tube and
the distribution of pain toward the vertex occpulpharyms and tonque. Further proof at to dead
thom to the first group. In all of these cases some
or all of the various symptoms here releated by
repositioning the naw.

It is barely possible that disease of the mandibular joint may be an ethological factor in glossophary ngest neuraliza the association of the chords tyrabuand surreulotemporal nerves with the minth nerve occurring by way of sensory connections to the our ganglion

In one case the constant appearance of herpes at the time of the pain attacks suggested this close association. Herpes occurred also in eight (25 gent) of the cases previously obserted. It is un lateral and distributed upon the mucoss of the tongue hard patie and check and external rand of the car. It disappears when the jaw is report to the contract of the car. It disappears when the jaw is report to the contract of the car. It disappears when the jaw is report to the contract of the car. It disappears when the jaw is report to the contract of the con

definitely among the symptoms associated with functional disturbances of the temporomandibular point James C Braswell, M D

### HTUOM

Bruhn, W.: Varices of the Tongue (Ueber die Varicen der Zunge). Arch f path Anal, 1934, 294: 27.

The author reports on cleven cases of oral varices recorded in the autopsy records of the Rostock Clinic. In four cases the base of the tongue was involved. In the older patients, the margins and the inferior surface of the tongue also showed varices. Histologically, the findings were the same as varicose veins in other parts of the body phlebectasias and varicosities. In half of the cases there were ruptures of vessel walls and hemorrhages into contiguous tissues, and thromboses were frequent.

The primary causes are to be sought in senile atrophy of the veins and in natural weakening of the circulation in the base of the tongue, the site of the poorest circulation in the oral cavity. A secondary cause is increased pressure in the veins. The author found no proof that nicotine or alcohol

everts an influence

(HINRICHSEN) MATHIAS J SEIFERT, M D

Korff, A. Primary Tuberculosis of the Tongue (Die primaere Zungentuberkulose) 1934 Muensteri. W., Dissertation

Tuberculosis of the tongue is rare. It occurs most frequently in men between the ages of thirty and fifty-five years The author reports the ease of a man fifty-two years of age who had a tubercle the size of a lentil on the tip of the tongue The tissue surrounding the nodule was red The nodule was of firm consistency and not ulcerated There was no palpable enlargement of the regional lymph glands The tip of the tongue was painful when food came into contact with the nodule The condition had been present for over six months At first, a tumor was suspected, especially as tuberculosis of other organs of the body could be excluded The involved tissue was completely removed and examined histologically Tuberculosis of the tongue was evideneed by numerous epitheloid-cell tubercles with giant cells The patient made an uneventful recovery

According to the clinical course and the findings of examination, the tuberculosis was primary in the tongue. The cause of its development could not be determined with certainty. However, as in most cases of lingual tuberculosis, contact infection was

to be assumed

The best treatment of lingual tuberculosis is radical removal. The value of radium and X-ray treatment is not yet known. The dosage has not been determined satisfactorily, particularly because the therapeutic dose varies considerably in the cases of different patients. Many of those writing on tuberculosis of the tongue warn against X-ray treatment Cauterization has sometimes resulted in cure

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### PHARYNX

Kully, B. M.: Cysts and Retention Abscesses of the Nasopharynx. A Report of Eighty-Eight Cases. J Laryngol. & Olol., 1935, 50-317.

The author states that the diagnosis of retention cyst of the nasopharynx requires the direct inspection of the nasopharynx and palpation with the probe under direct vision. Indirect inspection with the postnasal mirror gives an inadequate picture because, the plane of the posterior wall of the nasopharynx being almost at right angles to the plane of the examining mirror, there is a marked foreshortening of the image with some obliteration of details, and because the mucus frequently present on the nasopharyngeal wall changes the angle of reflection, thereby adding to the distortion of the image and masking details. The contour of the nasopharynx is an

important consideration in the diagnosis.

The Holmes nasopharyngoscope used transnasally is of more value in the examination of the lateral and superior walls than in the examination of the posterior wall. As the image seen is almost at right angles to the long axis of the instrument, there is a circular blind spot out of the line of vision directly ahead of the instrument. The blind area includes the posterior wall and often the posterosuperior angle. Small cysts of the angle will therefore be overlooked. Kully has tried to overcome this difficulty by using an electric urethroscope with the image directly in front of the instrument. The area seen in one image is too small for proper perspective

The Hays pharyngoscope and its later development, the glottoscope, give excellent illumination of the nasopharynx Although, as with the mirror, the image is foreshortened, their use is an excellent

adjunct to direct inspection

Direct inspection of the nasopharynx is made with the aid of an instrument that retracts the palate For this purpose a variety of palate retractors, some of which are self-retaining, have been Bech devised a method in which the devised palate is retracted by means of rubber tubes introduced into the nostrils and brought out of the mouth Kully has found the direct speculum of Yankauer the most satisfactory This causes minimal discomfort and can be employed without anesthesia if desired It shows all the structures of the nasopharyny, including the fossa of Rosenmuller and the eustachian orifice Kully has used it for examination and probing and usually also for operation in the conditions he discusses

In the cases reviewed the picture most frequently observed was that of a smooth bulging in the vault of the nasopharynx, usually central but occasionally lateral. The mucosa covering this bulging was smooth and with few exceptions presented an area of gray or yellow translucence where the swelling was most marked. Occasionally a drop of yellow or milk-colored pus was seen exuding from it. On puncture with the probe or knife, a purulent secretion was invariably obtained. In some cases there

was no bulging but the presence of a yellow or gravarea in the mucosa gave evidence of an underlying suppuration which was later revealed by the probe

in other cases the pacture was that of a central adenoid mas, suth secretion reading from one of the longitudinal clefts, usually the central cleft. In some cases the purplent pocket was deconcred only on separation of the folds with the probe. In a lew, the eithre certain portion of the adenoids had been displaced by the cjats in none of the cases was the churcal disgonsy considered complete until the cavity had been entered and secretion had been obtained. Javance Brasentz, MD

#### NECK

Borak J The Treatment of Hyperthyroldism by Roentgen Ireadiation of the Pituitary Gland Radio ser 1935 4 343

After reversing recent additions to our knowledgeregarding pituitery thyroid interactions: the auth of several productions of the pituitery of the pituitery stands of the pituitery stand with favorable results in two the five cays. In some of the latter the thy and the case of the some of the latter the thy and the the third that the pituitery stands with the pituitery gland almost our at beneficial effect. Coof results were obtated from treaduation of the pituitery gland almost our formly in women in whore the hyperthy routions had come on after the menopause. The author reports a few of the east.

Frazier C II and Johnson, J End Results of Thyroid Surgery Ann Sarg page page 1195

At the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania of spatients were operated upon for thy road disease in the period from 1927 to 1932. Response to todine was the same in diffuse and nodular tone.

Oil of patients operated upon for diffus tone gotter 153 are considered well 45 have a normal metabolic rate but persistent symptoms 33 have permanent partially disabiling sweeral damage, chedy cardiac and a require small doses of thyorid extract. That nor had residual tonous; and developed toneurs after the operation. Of the 37 postoperature tone cases 1 of over controlled by indune 12 by roenigen turadiation and 7 by re-order of the patients were not co-operative. There were still tone sites nodme and vocation. The near still tone sites nodme and vocation treatment and 1 was still tone after sometime.

treatment and re operation

Of the 163 patients operated upon for nodular
(oxic gottee 144 were cured 15 had restlual symptoms 4 had residual visceral damage a were
hypothyroid none had residual toucity and only a

Hirsch G Tuberculosis of the Larynx Laryngs-

had recurrent toxicity

PALL STARR MD

Firsch states that tuberculosis of the larging is the most frequent complication of tuberculosis of the lungs. The reported frequency of lary ngeal multiment has ranged from 16 to 7 per cent dependaupon whether the findings were made in the dissering room of a hospital or at a laryngological for HI may be assumed however that tubercular changes in the lary na red discovered during the from 25 to 30 per rent, and at autopys in more than 50 per cent of cases of pulmonary tuberculars Lary ngeal tuberculous is slightly more frequent men than is women. Orcapitum is an importanfactor in its development. Heavy strain does not lead to the condition.

The origin of laryngeal tuberculous is still do pated. The author believes that while tubercle bacille may enter the larynx in the sputum or by way of the blood or Is moh stream, lary ngeal infec tion is can ed most often by the sputum. He states that the larver offers more favorable conditions for the settling of tuberele bacilly than other part of the upper au passages because of the arrangement of its lymphatic vessels. These vessels are particularly sparse in the adult. Other factors of importan e in the development of laryngeal tuberculo is are the resistance of the body as a whole and the local de lensive power of the larvax. In more than on per cent of all cases of lare ngcal tuberculous the sputum contains tubercle bacili. The author states that although very serious tuberculosis of the larvax may be found with minimal pulmonary tuberculous and vice versa the Be old Gidionsen theory that ex tensive tuberculosis is not essential in the pathogenesis of suberculosis of the larvax does not seem

credshe
In the acute beginning of the disease the picture
is often that of a partely exudative tissue rections
but in the great majority of case a productive
component is recognizable. As yet the conditions
for the pre-productive confloating or productive
activity have not been completely ascrittant. The
first is cannot be distinguished from a fon species
inflammatory reaction if the productive elements
are locking.

The chineal manifestations of tuberculosis of the largust are of the following four types (1) infiltration (including military nodules on the surface) (2) ulceration (3) perich-orditits and (4) tumues

Inflitration is characterized microscopically by the again of inflamination—recreased ubstance and teddening of the diseased ususe. At the posterior and of the farms there is still extended to the control of the diseased ususe. At the posterior and of the farms there is the control of the glotts. The epiglotts has a pully planing appearance and the vocal cords seem to be avoided as agained whape or are totally the change for a planing the property of the control of t

In the permeation of a tissue by tuberculosis a meking down of the tissue may occur beneath the epithehum and after complete destruction of the overlying epithelium the tuberculous tissue may be exposed on the surface as a tuberculous ulcer

Tuberculous perichondritis is usually the result of a deep ulcer in the mucous membrane, but in some cases may develop without ulcerative changes

By "tuberculoma" is meant a macroscopically tumor-like product of tuberculosis which is in con-

trast to diffuse tuberculous infiltration

The first symptom of tuberculosis of the larynx is usually a slight feeling of pressure and irritation of the throat. Frequently the patient complains of dryness and burning. There is a certain roughness of the voice, and he tries frequently during the day to free the vocal cords by strong clearing of the throat. The voice tires easily in conversation. As the tuberculous process advances, destruction of cartilaginous tissue may take place. The patient feels pain on swallowing and may refuse to take food.

In infiltration there is almost always an increase in substance which strikes the eye by its redness and may be differently shaped according to its location. The edemas which appear in laryngeal tuberculosis are found chiefly on the epiglottis, the aryepiglottic folds, the arytenoid cartilages, and the vocal folds. In addition to the infiltration there are defects of the epithelium. The diagnosis of these defects may sometimes be facilitated by painting the suspicious parts with a 2 per cent solution of fluorescine, which causes ulcerations to take a greenish stain while the intact mucous membrane remains unstained.

An especially mild form of tuberculosis of the

laryny is lupus

The treatment of laryngeal tuberculosis includes general and local treatment. The general treatment is the same as the general treatment for tuberculosis of the lungs. In many cases a change in the patient's occupation may be advisable. Constant contact with dusty air may favor the development of laryngeal tuberculosis by causing constant irritation of the laryngeal membranes. Patients who are forced to talk a great deal and with great effort should seek an occupation in which fewer demands are made upon the larynx.

Strongly spiced food should be avoided When cwallowing causes pain, only liquid and soft food should be taken Drinks should be neither too cold nor too hot The author has been unable to determine whether patients kept on the Gerson diet for a long time recover more quickly than others or not Of special value in the treatment of laryngeal tubersulosis is vocal rest. Not only loud talking, but also whispering should be prohibited. The prevention

of coughing is of special importance

In the local treatment the application of a 5 to 10 per cent solution of mentholated oil has proved especially beneficial. With the patient phonating, the larynx erected, and the trachea protected by the closed glottis, 1 or 2 c. cm. of the oil are injected under control of the laryngeal mirror. Chaulmoogra oil injected in the same manner and quantity may also have a beneficial effect. Many laryngologists paint ulcerous processes with a 30 to 80 per cent.

solution of lactic acid Treatment with tuberculin is no longer widely used in cases of laryngeal tuberculosis

The surgical treatment of laryngeal tuberculosis has undergone many changes Formerly, tracheotomy and thyreotomy were frequently done for radical removal of the diseased parts Occasionally, total extirpation of the diseased larynx was performed, but today this method has been generally abandoned In some cases a slight curettage or treatment with the galvanocautery produces a psychic trauma from which the patient recovers with great difficulty When the general resistance is good, even advanced tuberculosis of the larynx can be operated upon successfully, but when the general resistance is poor the use of the galvanocautery on even a small local ulcer may be danger-All laryngeal operations may be done under local anesthesia For the best possible anesthesia of the larynx it is advisable first to block the superior laryngeal nerve bilaterally After this is done the patient will be only slightly disturbed by painting of the laryng with an anesthetizing solution. The surface anesthetic used by the author is a 2 per cent solution of pantocain

Circumscribed foci of tuberculosis, tumor-like and papillary excrescences, and granulations on ulcers are best removed by curettage followed immediately by the use of the galvanocautery Besides destroying the tuberculous tissue, the galvanocautery stimulates strong cicatrization. The surgical treatment of tuberculosis of the epiglottis consists mainly, especially in advanced cases, of amputation of the epiglottis. This can be done with either the Schmidt or the Jurasz forceps, the Alexander guillotine, or the hot or cold snare. In electrocoagulation of the tuberculous laryny great care is necessary. The procedure may be followed by postoperative edema

Extralaryngeal operations are today avoided whenever possible in tuberculosis of the larynx Curative tracheotomy may be considered only in cases of very serious laryngeal tuberculosis in which the lungs are affected very slightly and in cases with very serious dyspnea Extirpation of the tuberculous larynx is an extremely serious operation. Cases of tuberculoma which cannot be treated endolaryngeally may require thyreotomy. Leichsenring conceived the idea of blocking the recurrent nerve by alcohol injections. The paralysis of the nerve thereby produced lasts for about four weeks.

Ultraviolet light has been used for thirty years. The direct rays from the sun, carbon arc lamp, and the cold quartz lamp have been employed in laryngeal tuberculosis with distinct benefit. It is usually necessary to supplement this treatment with local

treatment

Lymphocytic and leucocytic elements are radiosensitive, being destroyed by very small doses of X-ray irradiation Therefore the development of the connective tissue after X-ray treatment is based on the breakdown of the lymphocytes, which is supposed to stimulate cicatrization X-rays produce a stronger reaction at the site of the die case than any other unspecific struulant. Reneligen tradiation is undicated in all chronic progressive stationary latent and productive forths of larginged 40her culo is and contra indicated in all acute progressive equative and mixed forms, and all forms accompanied by stenosis and hy senous disturbances of the general condition.

While opinions differ as to the strength of the \times ray dose to be used. Husch believes that the opinions dose may be a sumed to be between 5 and

to per cent of the skin erytherna dose

The treatment is given best with a Coolidge tube a focus skin distance of a ten from -0 to 5 ma of current, a tube tension of 160 kv and filtration with 4 mm of sluminum or 0 5 mm of copper and 1 mm of sluminum.

The best results from homogeneous treatment of the entire lary at are obtained by means of crossfire

The structure of the throat makes it possible to reflect the rays upon the entire largue from two or three fields and from both sides and to direct the central rays so that they meet the tuberculous largue with considerable certains:

As the larvay of nomen is more sen itive to the 's rays during menstruction it is advisable to interrupt the treatment during the menstrual periods Not truch is known as yet regarding the effective he is of radium in the tuberculous larvin. The bet teactions are shown by circumscribed infiltrate expecially on the posterior wall of the larvin. Good reactions in ulcerations are more difficult to obtain

Dysphagm is best controlled by the u e of dysphagme, a combination of utucain arristisms and meethod. If this is unsuccessful the industrial of americans of the superior larvageal nerve by the injection of alcohold is nece as; The author injects a c mod sin 80 per cent solution of alcohol with per cent procain into the superior laryageal nerve before its possage into the enricollymout membrane to the control of the control

and may be repeated as desired

It is well known that tuberculosis of the lary ax is more strongly influenced by pregnancy than tuber culosis any where else in the body. Interruption of the pregnancy has a favorable effect on the condition only if it is done early enough that is within the first three months.

The prognosis of laryngeal tuberculo is is doubt ful It must be borne in mind that the laryngeal di ease is only a part of a systemic tuberculous condition

ELI APPIN CANNEON

# SURGERY OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

# BRAIN AND ITS COVERINGS; CRANIAL NERVES

Toennis. Neurosurgical Remarks Regarding the Treatment of Injuries of the Skull and Their Late Sequelæ (Neurochrurgische Bemerkungen zur Behandlung von Schaedelverleztungen und ihrer Spaetfolgen) Arch f orthop Chir, 1934, 35

The author reports two cases of subdural hematoma with an unusual clinical course and neurological findings. Both were cured by operation. In one, a torn vein, a branch of the right rolandic

vein, was the source of the hemorrhage

Toennis next describes a method of treating late traumatic epilepsy. He disapproves of filling the cavity created by excision of the scar with fat In the procedure he describes, periosteum is sutured to the border of the dura and the defect in the dura is not repaired In cases of small bony defects, the bone around the defect is cut out with a saw in the form of a flap which is later replaced and fixed In cases of large defects, the with wire sutures flap of skin and aponeurosis is placed directly over the defect without the previous transplantation of In the first case in which this method was used, which was operated upon two years ago, the results to date have been better than those of the transplantation procedure

(WANKE) WILLIAM C BECK, M D

Wanke: The Treatment of Open Skull Injuries and Their Results (Ueber die Behandlung offener Schaedelverletzungen und deren Ergebnisse) Arch f orthop Chir, 1934, 351 24, 31

Wanke discusses the results of the treatment of open skull injuries on the basis of 169 cases. He reviews the various types of such injuries, their course, and their dangers. He states that opinions differ as to the proper treatment chiefly because no extensive reports on open skull injuries have been

published since the world war

Skull injuries sustained in civil life have a considerably more favorable prognosis than skull injuries sustained in warfare because they come earlier under medical treatment and the primary wound treatment described by Barany, which is essentially the application of the Friedrich procedure to wounds of the skull and hrain. The injury is followed immediately by generals welling of the brain and cerebrale dema which threaten so-called primary prolapse. The latter complication is combated more easily and more safely by closed treatment. Much more serious is the local reaction, the softening of the focus of injury with danger of infection. In the beginning there is danger of acute and usually fatal suppurative menningitis, and later of septic softening with secondary

so-called malignant prolapse which often leads to secondary meningitis by ventricle perforation and, after weeks, months, or years, to the formation of a brain abscess. The meninges have a tendency toward acute infections, and the brain tissues toward latent chronic infections. When the closed treatment is used these complications are less frequent Heretofore, follow-up investigations regarding the late results of the Barany method were neglected. These are found to be entirely satisfactory.

The cases reviewed by the author include cases which were treated by partial suture and the use of a drain or tampon. Most of them were treated before or during the world war. The results of this method of treatment were decidedly less favorable. Nevertheless they were better on the whole than was to be expected, especially on the basis of the experiences in the war. In cases of open bone and dural injury without involvement of the brain the incidence of permanent recovery with restoration of the ability to work is 50 per cent, whereas in cases of open injury of the brain it ranges from 20 to 25 per cent. (Wanke) Louis Neuwelt, M.D.

Reichardt: Concussion and Contusion of the Brain (Hirnerschuetterung und Hirnquetschung). Arch f orlhop Chir, 1934, 35 7, 31

Reichardt made a detailed study at autopsy of the brains of fifty persons who sustained a brain injury and died a number of years later of late effects of the injury or other causes From this study extremely valuable information was obtained

Reichardt emphasizes that concussion and contusion differ from one another distinctly, both clinically and anatomically Concussion is present only when a disturbance of consciousness begins immediately after the accident It is a chnical syndrome which is apparently localized insofar as the midbrain, the medulla oblongata, and the cerebellum are concerned A pathological anatomy of concussion is not known. The condition is a special type of organic reaction by the brain. The diagnosis is merely provisional at first Concussion may be the only effect of the injury upon the brain Under such conditions the prognosis is always favorable. In other cases it may accompany traumatic changes which are far more difficult to judge. Late changes in the brain after concussion cannot be demonstrated The author has not seen any cases of internal hydrocephalus following concussion late diagnosis during life of a permanent traumatic injury of the brain due to contusion is a simple matter when neurological symptoms persist. However, such symptoms are frequently absent. Under such circumstances, a subsequent psychopathological examination will often confirm the diagnosis

sufficiently Of great importance is a careful analysis of the subjective complaints at the time of the late examination as well as of the acute subjective dis turbances occurring soon after the injury have received too little consideration

Contusion of the brain is strongly suggested by 1 Disturbances of consciousness persisting for weeks in the absence of a concussion psychosis

2 Severe early organic hyperirritability doring

the disturbance of consciousness 3 Emlenuform attacks during the acute stage of the disturbance of consciousness A differential diagnosis must be made from hemorehage into the meninges

4 Incorpruities between the loss of consciou ness and true organic stupor Stupor per isting for days is suggestive of brain contusion even when conscious

ness is lost for only a short time

t An uncharacters tie gradually increasing the ture of cerebral pressure in the sente stage differential diagnosis must be made from cerebral compres ion

6 The lucid interval A differential diagnosis must be made from compression a harmless fainting spell and an exaggerated psychic reaction

7 The character of the accident. An object trav elling at high speed and striking the head at a small incalized shot may cause a severe permanent trau matic injury of the brain without producing definite

evidences of brain concussion

fleretofore systematic cha cal and anatomical studies to aid in the differential diagnosis particu latly of permanent traumatic brain injurie have been lacking These should include careful obser vation and recording of the acute symptoms. The importance of the latter should receive more emphasis in medical education. Better indement of akull and brain injuries is essential. This is a par ticular duty of the industrial associations who at times make use of questionnaires. An exact differ ential diagnosis between concus ion and contusion is of both scientine and practical impurtance basic separation of the two conditions seems justi (WANKE) TORN W BRENNAN M D fied

Glaser M A and Shafer F P Epifeosy Second ary to Head Injury Arch Surg 1035 50 785

Trauma to the head is a well-known cause of epileptic seizures but its relationship to epilepsy in a piven case may be difficult to determine Four questions of importance in the study of generalized

traumatic epidepsy are discussed Did the head mury cause the epilepsy?

After a head injury how far may one go in prognosticating the development or nin development of epilepsy? 3 Is there any method of preventing the occur

rence of this sequela? 4 Is there any method of therapy to be advised

for generalized traumatic epilepsy Upilepsy secondary to trauma may be divided into

4 types (1) focal epilepsy (2) generalized epileptic

states including both grand mal and petit mal (1) bystero-enilensy and (1) reflex enilensy The differentiation is not always absolute There is sel dors any question regarding the etiological role of the preceding trauma except in ca es of generalized conversions The authors deal chiefly with a per alired convulsions but discuss the 3 other types

bneffy A review of 300 articles resulted in the collection of 65 satisfactory case reports To these the authors add the records of 7 cases They found a great di ference in the reported incidence of convulsions following traums. The highest was 25 per cent reported by Rawling Careful analysis of the articles indicates that after the more severe head miuries the most probable incidence is about 2 5 per cent Early convulsions must be associated with severe mjury to the b ain Any case in which epileptic secrures of the generalized type develop within a period of several weeks after a minor injury should immediately be excluded from the post traumatic group. In all of the reviewed cases in which ren ecalized epileps; developed the injury was of great severity Generalized epilepsy may develop within the first ten days, providing the head injury is es tremely severe Fracture of the akull or loss of con actousness for a relatively long period occurred in all the reviewed cases. None of the patients had merely a slight inceration of the scalp. Ex ept in the cases in which they developed in the first ten days the generalized seizures usually developed from six months to two years after the injury Less frequently post traumatic epilepsy developed from two to seven years after the mury and only infre quently from seven to twenty years after injury

In attributing the epilepsy to trauma all extra neous factors must be ruled out particularly a history of convulsions prior to the trauma In ca es in which the first convulsion occurs at the time of the injury it is necessary to make certain that the unjury did not occur as the result of an attack of idiopathic epilepsy Convulsions developing in the first six months after minor head injuries should be

considered of psychoneurotic origin

All of the pathological changes which have been observed are secondary to hemorrhage. The late effects are dependent upon degenerative adbesions or glad problerat on. If these changes were the cause of the convuisions there would be many more to es of epilepsy Epilepsy occurs in only a small per centage of cases of evere types of injury Ir 1923 Sauerback ceported that in animals subjected to mury of the motor cortex maller do es of cocame were required to produce consuls one than in normal control animals. It is therefore likely that a head injury sensitives the brain so that extrareous circum stances may more readily produce convulsions

There is no method of preventing the occurrence of epdepsy other than the accepted method of

treating the original injury

Unless there is a special contra indication encepha lograms should be made in every case of post

traumettic epilopsy as they may have definite therepeatic value. They may give information of value with regard to further treatment, in some cases indicating that open operation should be performed.

France S. Perra, M.D.

Rugiero, H. R.: The Thelamic Sendrome (Ser Isome talimins). Sentra med. 1037, 42, 221

Rugiero reviews the anatoms and physiology of the thehrms and the list real development, samptoms, and differential diagnosis of the thalamic synthome. He refers to the five esses presently reported from the Argentine and add- a case of his e. r. In the latter the outstarding feature was ablence of the typical Diprine-Rossy syndicate althi, zh the entire left tholomas was destroyed by a small cell glama. Servora disturbance in ere himsted to diminition in all needslities, as depontaneous or provided pain vix absent throughout the two years' counce of the disease. Motor disturbances (realized and entiractions in the right firm and leg and describing predominated. The patient became markedly demented. There was atreptly of the peaks and testicles with the desclopment of fatin the public region. In addition to the thalar is, the turner involved the verticular will and, to some extent, the whithdance to, ion

The author discusses prichly the rewon for the absence of sensory disturbances and queries whether it was due to complete interruption of the sensory fibers. He states that the mechanism of pain perception involves numerous factors not yet understood. Individual cooles of reaction and interpretation of sensations are very in partant for the occurrence of the symptom. Apparently, destruction of the thalamulas only one of the multiple cruses of sensory disturbances. In a few cases of theliana claims, verifica to nutopsy, pain a selbent. The chareal deduction is that in an atypinal symptome of brain tumory with hemiplegic symptoms the absence of a resthesia and pain is not sufficient to exclude the presence of a lesion limited to the thalamula.

The article contains illustrations and is followed by a bibliograph, M. L. Mozer, M.D.

Lev. A: A Contribution to the Study of Intracranial Tumors of Mesenchymatous Origin, with the Report of Two Cases of Pibroblastoma of the Gerebral Hemispheres in Children Under Five Years of Age (Continuational estudy de los tumores intracrareales de oncen reserquimntoss, con aportación de dos cases de fibroblastoma de los bemisérnot cerebrales en rivos menores de cinco acos). Reside en que de Barcelona, 1935, 5 o

In early childhood tumors of the cerebral hemispheres are very rare, most tumors at this age being subtentorial. In a study of fifty-five cases of cerebral tumor in children under five years of age, the author found that only 8 (14.6 per cent) of the neoplasms involved the cerebral hemispheres. Three (37 5 per cent) of the latter vere of mesenchy matous origin.

Les reports two of the cases of tumor of meshachem stous origin in detail and shows the histological findings by photomerographs. The first visit hat of a child three years old and the second that of a child four and a half sears old. Both tumors were fibrosaccomes. The first tumor originated from the leptomenings and invalid the brain substance secondarily. The second apparently originated in the brain substance and become extendinated in the brain substance and become extendinated comperatively late. In the first case there was a history of dystocial from a large lead, and the tumor mando lay concentral. In the second case the child was apparently a climatic six months before death. This may have been due to involvement or a "filent area".

From the literature of the past ten years the author collected fourteen tumors of the same type. All showed the same priero copic structure is ere localized in the tem spheres of the train, occurred in children under two years of age, and rin a milly nont course. Four of the pitterns recovered ofter radical surgery. In one case, operation was supplemented by irradication. Let state that operation should be as redical as possible the relection including not only the tumor but also the layer of nerve tissue mime patchy surrearding it. Rain therapy should be used only in conjunction with surgery.

11193 Gr. Menos, 11 D.

Weingrow, S. M.: The Prizeminocervical Reflex. Larger refer 1235, 45, 375

The trigeminocervical reflex is a reflex of the certical muscles. It becomes abnormal in miclear and supranucleus lesions as well as in the one of the servery division of the trigeminal nerve a lich forms the censury are of the reflex. It is clicited as follows:

While one hand is pulpating the mulcles of the back of the reck, the hasal region, the forebend, or some other part of the face is tapped with the other hand. A contraction of the musics way be felt by the palpating hand. This hand is then a after laterally, anotherly, and to the opposite side while the tapping is carried out in one bodyly.

In the normal individual the reflex is equal biinterally. Abnormal variations are found in discases of the upper cervical segments, the brain stern, and the brain. Divis J. Individual M.D.

Tortella, P.: Anastomosis of the Buccal and Facial Nerves (Nota source la anastom) is bucal-facially Rea de core a de Carcelona, 1931, 1-82

Textbooks generally say that the buccinator muscle derives its motor innervation solely from the facial nerve and that if the buccal nerve supplies any fibers they are sensory. The author doubted this because he found in dissections that only a fer fibers passed directly from the facial nerve into the mass of the buccinator muscle while many fibers passed from the buccal nerve into the muscle. To settle the question he carried out experiments on dogs. On dissecting the facial and buccal herves out and sumulating them electrically, he found that

stimulation of the intact facial neric caused an inten e contraction and stimulation of the burcal nerical less intense but still very evident contraction of the buccinator muscle. When he sectioned the nerical collection of the peripheral head of the buccal neric caused contractions as intense as before the section.

He concludes that the motor innervation of the buccinator muscle is derived from fibers coming directly from the facial nerve, fibers coming from the facial nerve through anastomoses between the facial and buccal nerves and motor libers from the buccal There are free anastomoses between the buccal and facial nerves A perivenous anastomosis is always to be found around the facial year and there is a variable number of anastomuses around Bichat's fat pad In one case Tortela observed an ansstome is between the two perves below the apper end of the avgamatic major muscle. He did not find the openings in the muscle for the passage of the nerves that have been described by some. On the contrary he roted that the nerve fibers formed a sort of network around the muscle bundles LEDNEY GOOD MORGEN VI D

SPINAL CORD AND ITS COVERINGS

Juselerskij A The Surgical Treatment of Syrin gamyella Its Critical Fralustion According to the Immediate and Late Renuit; the optrave Behandlung der synogomyelle, thre knitsche Benertung nach den unmutell aren und den Fern regultaten Deut hellen j Chr. 1952 434 505

In 1990 the author reported as cases of synngomelia and dissues the surgical treatment of the condition. With regard to the immed ate results of operation he concluded that the pontareous pans ease musualize attempts macroteit, to one become smaller. Since 1990 he has operated upon seventeen additional cases. On the bases of his on x cases and eight one cases which the collected from the world interature be drawn the following candissions.

The immediate results of the I unsepp operation for an ingoincells are in general good. However no case has been cured by operation. Only more or less allevation of some of the supports of the discrete has been achieved. The result is no better than the substantial of the support of the discrete has been achieved. The result is no better than 10 met per tracted from the with consequent protection from occupational injuries. The improvement resulting from the operation is not permanent. In the majority of cases the patient returns in his properative conditions after several months or even several weeks. Vertile for all post for prevent processing the several results of the prevent of the symptoms of the symptoms by operation of the symptoms by operations.

Numercus manometric determinations of the pressure of the cerebrispinal fluid in syringomyelia made in the syringomyelia cavities as well as in the subgrachinol space at the same level showed the

same average values which did not exceed the nor mal. In the lower ereviced portion the pressurmeasured usually with the patient in the recumbent position was about 100 mm of water above the atmospheric pressure. Therefore the theory that operation is indicated to reduce increased pressuron the small Gord was disproved.

The most recent clinical and pathologico-aniom cal findings with regard to the etiology and pathogenesis of sytingomicals the distarpha concept of Henneberg and Bielchowsky, and the status distarphenis concept of Henner hase provided in theoretical lases for the operation of Junespy theoretical lases for the operation of Junespy the control of the status of the patients with a second the patients work are undervolved to refrain from operative intervention. Only in the tare case in which the disease runs a stormy course because of malignant gluomatous should operation be can of malignant gluomatous should operation be can selected in the hipse of influencing, the course of the action of the patients.

(COLMERS) LOUIS NAUWELT 31 D

Fay T Spinal Cord Tumora Pennish nia M J 1945 38 603

The clinical manifestationa which permit the early diagnosis and accurate localization of spinal cord tumors are discussed. Pain and paralysis are common symptoms of spinal cord tumor. The pain is referred to the cutaneous periphery surplied by the root or roots insolved or elege into literit viseral components. It is frequently aggrasated by coughing securing or changes in the position of the most column. Visconostor disturbances in the involved securing a securing or changes in the position of the most column.

Is an aid to early diagnosis the author recommends that the boundaries and direction of the radation of the pain be mapped out on the patient. We are also assumed finishing may be seen over the series supplied by the involved nerve root. The usemotor changes have proved to be of early and rehable aid. The skin below the level of involvement often has a bigh sheen like that of saint whereast is skin above the root level involved sugge is velvet in the light effect produced.

Another test involving sensation consists in draing a touthpick or salety pin over the skin when the patient e.ges are closed. Above the level of root involvement the acratch is clearly recognized. He peralgesia is present in the zone showing vasomotor changes. Below the vasomotor level the pain sense

is usually distinctly diminished

A study of the scratch line produced may give a

clue to the upper level of the lesion. In the normal area above the lesion the usual busch of the skin about the stratch hie is noted. In the zone of vasomuter disturbance a wide rather wheal his line with raised edges appears, whereas below the level I tile or no change in the skin is noted.

A pilomotor response (Thomas sign) may be obtained by firmly punching the deep structures below the border of the sternomastoid muscle at the base of the neck Following this procedure "goose-flesh" will appear and will end abruptly at the level of the upper root involvement (vasomotor level). skin surface below will remain smooth The opposite side of the body should be tested in the same

The author describes also a method for determining the vasomotor level following the administration of pilocarpin The level of spontaneous or induced sweating may show a clear zone of demarcation

above or below the level of the tumor

Fay believes that the procedures described, in addition to the usual neurological examination, will demonstrate the location of a spinal tumor, and that the use of iodized oil for this purpose is unnecessary. He recommends the intravenous injection of 50 c.cm of a 50 per cent solution of glucose just prior to operation The operation will be simplified and the loss of blood will be decreased if care is taken to carry out a periosteal separation of the muscular attachments from the spinous processes dition, disarticulation of the laminæ with resection of the base pedicles should be done to obtain wide

Following this procedure a cast or brace is un-ROBERT ZOLLINGER, M D

necessary.

Black, W C, and Faber, H. K.: A Blood-Vessel Tumor of the Spinal Cord in a Boy Aged Nine Years, with Special Reference to a New Diagnostic Syndrome. J Am M Ass., 1935, 104 1880

Blood-vessel tumors and varices of the spinal cord are rare Of the total number of sixty-three reported, about 10 per cent were purely arterial or presented an arterial component. The remaining 90 per cent were composed of about equal numbers of true neoplastic hemangiomas and venous dilata-

In a case of intradural venous blood-vessel tumor, probably a hemangio-endothelioma with associated varices, occurring in a boy aged nine years, the combination of the From syndrome, a negative Queckenstedt test becoming positive after withdrawal of spinal fluid below the lesion, and a peculiar distribution of iodized oil in droplets was observed The authors suggest that this syndrome may be pathognomonic of subarachnoid varices and vascular tumors of the cord large enough to obstruct the subarachnoid space

SAMUEL KAHN, M D

Naffziger, H C., and Jones, O. W , Jr.: Dermoid Tumors of the Spinal Cord: A Report of Four Cases, with Observations on a Clinical Test for Differentiation of the Source of Radicular Pains Arch Neurol & Psychiat , 1935, 33 941

Intradural epidermoid and dermoid tumors arising from the conus medullaris and cauda equina are uncommon Those reported have been classified variously according to the number of germ layers present According to Ewing's classification, tera-

tomas are tumors composed of recognizable tissues and complex organs derived from more than one germ layer Simple dermoids consist of epidermis, derma, and dermal glands Epidermoid tumors lack definite dermal structures They are usually considered to be of traumatic origin, but certain welldefined forms of embryonic derivation are classified as cholesteatomas

The complex embryological development of the rectum, anus, and caudal end of the spinal cord and its appendages favors the formation of congenital anomalies and of embryological tumors belonging to the group under discussion Dermoid tumors of the spinal cord usually occur along the midline from the cephalic to the caudal extremity and not infrequently are associated with congenital anomalies Four cases of tumor of the spinal cord of the cholesteatomatous and dermoid type, all observed within a

year, are reported in detail

A clinical test for the differentiation of radicular pain of intradural origin from extradural pain of a radicular type is described. The patient is placed in a comfortable position and when he is free from pain the cervical veins are compressed as in the familiar Queckenstedt test. As the intracranial and intraspinal pressure above the level of the block is raised, the typical radicular pain is produced, presumably because the tumor is displaced sufficiently to cause traction on or irritation of a nerve root. In certain instances such pain may be experienced only on sudden release of the jugular compression This test has been found of value also for tumors located in other regions of the cord and for gross lesions of various types

If the test is positive it furnishes presumptive evidence of the presence of a gross, space-consuming intradural lesion. It is so reliable that it is recom-

mended as a definite diagnostic aid

In 1928, Viets reported that if the fluid is drained from below the level of the block in a case of tumor of the cauda equina, jugular compression will produce intense pain in the segmental area and the area of pain will correspond to the uppermost root affect-

ed by the tumor

Another sign of diagnostic value, which was present in two of the four cases reported, was the occurrence of excruciating pain when the needle encountered dural resistance at the time of lumbar puncture Operation revealed a tumor anterior to the roots of the cauda equina which displaced the roots posteriorly against the dura so that they were immobile and under tension. The slightest pressure on the dura irritated the immobile nerve roots, causing pain. This finding explained the pain produced by the lumbar puncture After puncture, careful examination of the end of the needle may reveal fragments of tissue

Primary tumors of the spinal cord, spinal nerve roots, and spinal membranes frequently cause secondary bony changes which are demonstrable by X-ray examination Camp, Adson, and Shugrue recently reported demonstrable bony changes in from 15 to 20 per cent of cases of tumors arising from tissues within the spinal canal Enwarn S. P. arr. M.D.

### SYMPATHETIC NURVES

Hartung A and Rubert S R Poentgen Aspects
of Sympathetic Neurobiastoma with the Re
port of Two Cases Rad logy 1935 24 607

Sympathetic neuroblastoma is discus ed in a general way nith regard to its pathological and clinical aspects and with special emphasis on the mentgen findings. The two cases which the authors report in detail show the high degree of malignancy of the tumor as manufested by rapid progress with the formation of diffuse metastases and call atten tion to the difficulty encountered in attempting to localize the primary site of the lesson before death They are unique in that the roentgen examinations revealed the original tumor to be located in the lower cervical region and to have entered the chest and replaced the spex of the lung In addition they showed marked meta tatic Lone changes which were fairly characteristic. They demonstrate that a provisional diamnosis can be made on the basis of the as mptoms usually those of the metastases which consist of supra orbital sactling p optosis of

the eve, and roentgen findings. Roentgen therapy failed to affect the tumors appreciably and produced no apparent change in the course of the disease

Rogers L The Treatment of Spasmodic Dvs phagia by Sympathetic Denervation Bril J Surg 1935 22 829

Spasmodic dysphagia anemia and atrophic changes in certain mucous membranes constitu e a well known syndrome occurring in women. There is a tendency for patients with this condition to develop phary areal carcinoma litherto the treatment has been symptomatic. It occurred to the author that the condition mucht be alleviated and the development of carcinoms prevented by relaxing the supra esophageal sphingter and increasing the blood supply to the hypopharyngeal mucosa. It appeared that these desiderate could be accomplished by temoving the sympathetic innervation of the soluncter and the lower part of the phars av Inves tigration showed that the sympathetic component of the pharyageal plexus is derived entirely from the superior cervical canglion Bilateral superior cervical ganglionectomy seemed to be the procedure of choice The author has performed this operation once The results a c as yet sub sudice

DAVID I IMPASTATO M D

# SURGERY OF THE THORAX

### CHEST WALL AND BREAST

McGehee, J. L., and Schmeisser, H. C.: Tuberculosis of the Breast. Am J Surg, 1935, 28 461

The authors review the literature on tuberculosis of the breast and report 8 cases which were found in a series of 447 cases of breast conditions treated at the General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Uncertainty still exists as to the mode of infection of the breast. The theory that the involvement occurs by the lymphatic route is supported by the intimate relationship between the intramammary lymphatics and the axillary and mediastinal lymph nodes. However, infection by the hematogenous route is not excluded. In most cases the breast involvement appears to be secondary.

The differential diagnosis is difficult, especially in the early stage of the so-called primary form (that in which no other focus is demonstrable) Pre-operative irradiation followed by cautery knife excision and postoperative irradiation, is recommended

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Todd, A. T., Scott, S. G., Coke, H., Finzi, N. S., and Others: Discussion on the Prevention and Treatment of Metastases in Carcinoma Mammæ Proc Roy Soc Med, Lond, 1035, 28 681

Topp believes that for successful results in cancer therapy it is necessary to take into consideration a defense mechanism such as he has observed in the natural growth of malignant neoplasms. He states that he developed the selenide method of treatment with the expectation of increasing such a mechanism His method consists in impregnating the defense tissue with selenium colloids, activating the colloid by repeated small doses of X-ray irradiation, and then administering the radio-active colloid to obtain continuous activation. If the growth is not checked, further X-ray ionization is given. The dosage of irradiation and of colloid varies from case to case because the number of endothelial cells in the defense tissue is variable. Todd's treatment for mammary metastases varies according to whether it is guen in a case of neglected and inoperable primary growth, metastases after the usual incisional surgery, or a recurrence after radium surgery, or is administered for prophylaxis after a supposed surgical cure The technique and other factors in each type of case are described in detail and the results in twentyseven cases are summarized.

Scott also expresses the opinion that present-day radiotherapeutical and surgical methods limited to local treatment are inadequate for satisfactory results in the majority of cases. He believes the only safe basis for treatment is the assumption that

metastases have been formed in every case in which a diagnosis of cancer has been possible. The only practical means of influencing the formation of mctastases by roentgen therapy is the use of rays of medium length over a large area of the body with the object of establishing some form of immunity or of raising the bodily resistance. He cites experimental evidence supporting this contention has designed apparatus for the administration of such "wide-field" moderate irradiation which he has used for twelve years. He recommends this form of irradiation only as an after-treatment, ie. treatment given after the primary growth has been dealt with by any means considered advisable The constitutional effects obtained with it may be demonstrated by the vanadic acid test Scott's use of the method as controlled by this test is described at length

Coke discusses various details of the vanadic acid test mentioned by Scott It is a serological test permitting the demonstration of colloidal abnormalities in certain diseases, including cancer, by means of which various therapeutic methods, including roentgen irradiation, may be controlled in the attempt to correct such abnormalities. Trials with this test to date give hope that it offers a means of maintaining the general defense mechanism of the

organism.

FINZI states that the formation of metastases can be prevented only by complete removal of the disease. The so-called prophylactic treatment after surgical removal of the growth is in reality a treatment of possible small metastatic remnants. In the treatment of these metastatic remnants Finzi has found it necessary to give a full dose just as if obvious palpable metastatic deposits were present. He states that obvious distant metastases should be treated by full doses of penetrating roentgen rays, even if only for palliation. He doubts whether generalized irradiation is of value when metastases are distributed throughout the body.

Webster briefly outlines the prevention and treatment of local, regional, and distant metastases from breast cancer by radiological methods on the basis of the generally accepted surgical point of view that cancer is a local disease which should be attacked locally or on the basis of the theory held by some that cancer is essentially a general disease with local manifestations. He believes that distant metastases may often be prevented by a suitable course of pre-operative or postoperative X-ray treatment to prevent "recurrence" According to his experience, postoperative X-ray treatment improves, and may even double, the likelihood of a successful result from operation. Generalized methods of treatment such as total irradiation and

methods of chemical or pland therapy had so far produced very few good results in histologically proved cases. It appears to Webster that the nell authenticated claims for the direct methods of attack deserve first consideration when cure rather

than palliation is attempted

Ly-Nau states that he has tried a number of inpections in associativn with readation treatment of carcinoma, and though several of the collouds seem to be of value in certain cases none of them can he relief upon. He is of the opinion that judicious irradiasions which had heen proved to cause the disjudicious that the contract of the country of the preventing their appearance in cases in which recur tence is expected.

Pittatres seports his experiences in a number of cases in which he used the Todd method of teatment access in which he used the Todd method of teatment. In the main, he has found this method us subsistatory, and not curative. He questions the ensistence of "resistance in cancer. He states that the less frequently the attempts is made to explain failures of iterational than a straight of the patients resultance and the more attempts are made to discover how best to attack the cancer cell the more quickly will enterous processes be controlled. In this connection he cites the fact that had X-ray have been found to give fairly consist ent results in cases in which the use of soft X-ray is unsuccessful.

### TRACHEA, LUNGS AND PLEURA

Arnesen, A. J. A. Further Experiences with the Functure Treatment of Meyral Empyema (Wester Erfahrungen mit der Punktionsbehandlung von Pleursempjemen). Ada chirurg. Scand. 1935

The author has treated twelve cases of emptems following pneutomax and one case of bubteral staphylococca emptems by puncture alone. Recovery resulted to all. The ages of the patients ranged from two to seventry ears the number of the treatment from twee to swentry and duration of the treatment from twee to been and the duration of the treatment from twee to been a particular of an experiment of the treatment from twee to been a particular of the treatment from twee to been a particular of a re which seemed to create a negative pressure with a very favorable effect on the distantion of the lung At every puncture the cavity was thoroughly empaced and other theoroughly washed out with streng the contract of the

### ESOPHAGUS AND MEDIASTINUM

McGibbon J The Esophageal Lesions Encountered in Cases of Dyaphagia with Anemia J Larretel & Ot 1 1935 50 329

The group of symptoms known as the Phummer light symptom is characterized by glossitis stomatitis atrophic pharyngitis and dissphaga associated with anemia in most cases the anemia to of the secondary type but the daysphagia may occut m the course of permicious anomia Frequent ly there are also other parhological manufestati m such as sphenomegaly, cholorychia achiorhydra fissures at the angle of the mouth maloutration nerrousness mensitual disorders a brownsh vellow discoloration of the skin and increased fragility of the red blood cells

The disease is of insidious onset and long duration It usually occurs in women of middle age. In men

it is rare

Following a review of the literature the author reports seen cases in detail and describes the scophageal Issuess found. He believes that the co-phageal Issuess found, He believes that the co-phageal Issues and the regarded as manifesta tions of a disease of which the underlying cause is diseased on the contribution of the c

Nissen R. The Treatment of Functional and Organic Natrowings of the Esophagus and Cardia (Behardlung der funktionellen und or ganischen Verteigerungen von Orsophagus unt Cardia) Schus med Websch 1934 2 11st

In cases of spans of the esophanys the lunds mental cause of the spans must first be determined. When the spasses are manifestations of a general correase of nervous trutability afterpia res, and suggestive therapy will be effective. Other spansare reflex spansare caused by diverticula or utlers of the esophagus disphragmatic hern as, turnors or in flammatory condutions of the mediastimal cavity, aneursm of the acits or gastric or diodenal utler. Obviously the underlying cause must be trusted.

Diverticula of the cervical portion of the evopha gus are treated surgically for the prevention of recurrences wide exposure and excluon of the neck of the diverticulum are important. Traction diverticula at the level of the tracheal bifurcation are operated upon only when they have broken through into the respiratory tract. Under the latter conditions they give rice to the symptoms of a pulmonary absces After a preliminary gastrostomy a two-stage opera tion is performed according to the method of Sauerbruch When in cases of epiphrenic pulsion diverticula the cardinapasm cannot be relieved by conservative treatment a transdisphragmatic anss tomous between the diserticulum and the stom h is advisable. Esophageal ulcer usually beals when the esophagus is placed at rest for a sufficient length of time by gastrostomy For true cardospasm dilatation of the cardia by the method of Starck is recommended When this is unsucces ful esophagogastrostomy is justifiable. Heller's operation is use less In most cases of congenital mega-esophagus the expulsive force of the e-ophagus 25 obviously in sufficient Anastomosis promises no definite results unle s true stenosis is present Small hislus hermas require no surgical treatment. Surgery is undicated for huatus hermis only when there is a constant and marked protrusion of the stomach

through the diaphragmatic opening Certain cicatrical stenoses may be dilated with sounds after preliminary gastrostomy. Plastic reconstruction of the esophagus with a skin tube is necessary only when complete obstruction is found in the middle or upper thoracic portion of the esophagus

A few benign neoplasms of the esophagus can be removed successfully by operation (Sauerhruch). In cases of carcinoma, removal of the tumor is usually to he considered only when the lesion occurs in the cardia or the epicardial portion of the esophagus Foreignhodies should he removed by an esophagoscopic method whenever possible. If they have already caused pen-esophageal inflammation, the perforation may he dilated hy the endoscopic method described hy Seiffert. Removal of foreign bodies by operation may be done from the neck down to the bronchial bifurcation and from the stomach upward for a distance of 21 cm. after forcible dilatation of the cardia. (A Brunner) Mathias J Seifert, M D

Treer, J., and Ladislaus, F.: The Possibilities of Curing Severe Erosions of the Esophagus (Ueber die Heilungsmoeglichkeiten der schweren Oesophagusveraetzungen) Monatssehr f Ohrenh, 1935, 69 96

The authors state that old strictures of the esophagus will often permit only minimal dilatation or no dilatation at all. In their cases they have found that while, after energetic sounding, the permeability of the esophagus was at first increased, it later decreased or the esophagus became completely obstructed. After the temporary improvement the patients neglected treatment and returned only after food became lodged and could not be removed. Following gastrostomy the ability to swallow improved even when no attempts at dilatation were made after the operation.

The authors attribute strictures which tend to become worse to inflammatory processes in the area of destruction. They assume that cicatricial tissue does not shrink, but either hecomes resorbed or, as the result of constant irritation, becomes increased. In cases of severe erosions swallowing always causes irritation by pulling on the cicatricial tissue. When irritation due to the decomposition of food remnants or sounding is added, the cicatricial tissue does not decrease but becomes increased and narrows the

esophageal lumen.

Follow-up studies were made of fifty-one patients subjected to gastrostomy for severe erosions of the esophagus. Some of the patients who before the operation were able to swallow liquids only with difficulty or not at all, were able to swallow hequids two or three weeks after the operation and hecame able to swallow normally within nine months. In some of the patients complete closure of the esophagus occurred after temporary improvement. Eleven of the fifty-one patients died as the result of perforation. Of these, eight died within two months

The authors divide their cases into three groups.
(1) those in which gastrostomy was done in the first

or second month after the erosion, (2) those in which it was done within from three to eleven months, and (3) those in which it was done after from one to four years Definite closure of the esophagus occurred in II 5 per cent of the first group, 33 per cent of the second group, and 54 per cent of the third group Permanent stenosis therefore occurred less frequently the earlier the esophagus was placed at rest by gastrostomy In children, up to nine years of age its incidence was 20 per cent, whereas in patients between sixteen and fifty years of age its incidence was 50 per cent The authors ascribe the difference to the fact that, in adults, satisfactory nourishment requires earlier feeding by mouth and therefore the esophagus cannot he kept at rest as long as in children They emphasize the importance of introducing as large a tube as possible into the stomach

With regard to the treatment of destruction of the esophagus, the authors state that treatment should be begun early in every case of erosion. If normal permeability of the esophagus is not restored in two months, forcible dilatation must be done or, preferably, gastrostomy should be performed and the patient fed exclusively through a tube for a period of months. (Von Scanzoni) John W Brennan, M D

Zeno, A, and Santanelli, L.: Simple Ulcer of the Esophagus (La úlcera simple de esófago) Bol Soc de cirug de Rosario, 1934, 1 476

Simple ulcer of the esophagus is usually located in the lower part of the esophagus. Its characteristics are similar to those of other ulcers in the zone of acid gastric juice, such as peptic ulcer of the stomach and duodenum. Its cause is probably the same as that of peptic ulcer elsewhere. As islands of gastric mucosa are sometimes found in esophageal mucosa, acid juice may he secreted in the esophagus.

The cardinal symptoms of simple ulcer of the esophagus are pain, dysphagia, and vomiting In some cases there are no symptoms. High epigastric or retrosternal pain is usually relieved by alkalies. Dysphagia depends upon cicatricial stenosis.

The diagnosis can he made with certainty only by esophagoscopic examination. The ulcer may be visualized as a flat lesion without annular infiltration of the esophageal wall and without exuberant fungations. There is usually a zone of hyperemia around the rim of the ulcer. Important complications are hemorrhage and perforation

The authors report two cases in detail Both presented the picture of an acute surgical condition of the abdomen and in both laparotomy was followed by death The findings made at autopsy and on histological examination of the lesions are included in the report

WILLIAM R MEEKER, M D

Magaldi, B: The Surgical Anatomy of the Organs of the Anterior Mediastinum (Anatomia chirurgica degli organi del mediastino anteriore) Rev di chir, 1935, 1 82

Magaldi describes the surgical anatomy of the organs of the anterior mediastinum and reviews the

development of cardiac urvery. He discusses the indications, technique and general results of nencardiocentesis the different methods of pericards otomy the extraction of foreign bodies the treat ment of cardiac wounds valvolotomy, and opera tions on the great ve sels. He considers Braner a precordial thoracotomy the operation of choice in adhesive mediastinonericarditis. He states that the Volhard Schmieden decortication is a very senous and difficult procedure which should be employed only with great caution. Phrenic exercise has an encouraging furnze in a restricted field, i.e. cases in which normal cardiac function is prevented chiefly by pericardiodiaphragmatic adhesion. Pulmonary embolectomy is strongly indicated in recurrent cases with progressive aggravation and in cases of moderate severity in which the condition is usually preceded by signs of phiebitis

The author reports briefly a case of tuberculous personatus in a gril fitten years old in which repeated personated contests gave as unexpectedly successful result. The patient recovered completely except for a partial personatial s, unphysis which does not interfere with her normal hou chold activity.

M E Morse M D

### MISCELI ANEOUS

Peirce C B Extrapulruonary Turnors of the Thorax Radialogy 1935 24 467

Petro describes briefly the various extrapul monary and extramediastinal tumors of the chorax

and classifies them according to origin and location as follows

Tumors of the the acc mall poper (1) non-mulgrant primary neoplasms such as hydroas fibronias myzones choadromas entecohondronias myzones choadromas entecohondronias ontechnological and angumans, (2) miligrant primary tumors such as Chondrosarromas of technological conference tercomas goal sacromas and myzones endetheliomas (3) micratatic malignant neoplasms endetheliomas (3) micratatic malignant neoplasms productional and Economic such Chondromas (3) micratatic malignant neoplasms and the productional and Economic such accordance in adoltationals and Economic such accordance in adoltationals and formational conference and negurationals (von Revillaghausen).

Tumors of the pleura (r) tumors of extra c origin such as metastatic malignancy echinococcus cysts tuberculomas and fibrinomas and (2) tumors of intrinsic origin such as endotheliomas and

chondroma, of the phrenic pleura

another the close of the control peaks at one properly are the control of the pal money area.

In conclusion Peirce ways that this series of tumors constitutes a mot t diverse and relatively rare group which may require extensive and critical study in conjunction with thorough roentgen examination for their differential diagnosis

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## SURGERY OF THE ABDOMEN

### ABDOMINAL WALL AND PERITONEUM

Bombi, G.: Biliary Peritonitis Without Apparent Perforation of the Biliary Tract (La peritonite biliare senza perforazione apparente delle vie bilian) Arch ital di chir, 1935, 39 425

Biliary peritonitis without apparent perforation of the biliary tract was first described in 1911 by Clairmont and von Haberer who formulated the hypothesis that the condition was due to certain pathological processes not detectable by ordinary macroscopic examination. Since the report of Clairmont and von Haberer, several other cases have been recorded in the literature.

Bombi reports two cases of this type of peritonitis. The first was that of a woman, forty-eight years of age who for twenty years had suffered severe epigastric pain which recurred usually during the fasting hours and was relieved by the ingestion of food. Cholecystotomy with drainage was followed by un-

eventful recovery

The second case was that of a fifty-six-year-old woman with a history similar to that given by the first patient Cholecystectomy was done On histological examination of the gall bladder the mucosa at the site of a macroscopically visible herniation was found to be necrotic and to show retrogressive changes such as are usually observed in postmortem The submucosa was slightly infiltrated with lymphocytes, neutrophiles, eosinophiles, and a few erythrocytes The muscularis was of normal thickness, but the circular layer was made up only of a few bundles with an interrupted and irregular arrangement The subserosa showed the presence of a large thrombus This area had undergone inflammatory and necrotic changes, and at several sites showed an accumulation of bile pigment which proved that bile had passed through the wall serosa was markedly inflamed The peritoneal mesothelium had been destroyed and replaced by a thick fibrinous layer The non-hermated portion of the gall bladder was essentially normal.

It appears that biliary stones, cholecystitis, trauma, and certain rare pathological conditions such as carcinoma of the gall bladder are predisposing factors. In a few cases the bile was found to contain ferments of pancreatic origin as the result of some abnormality of the pancreas or its ducts

With regard to the pathogenesis the author states that there seems to be considerable doubt whether the filtration theory is correct. Many other suggestions have been offered, but the problem still requires further investigation

The symptoms are identical with those of a diffuse peritonitis. A differential diagnosis is impossible. The condition is most often confused with

peritonitis caused by a ruptured appendix or a

perforating peptic ulcer

The prognosis is poor unless treatment is given. The treatment is always surgical and should be instituted early. The operation of choice is cholecystectomy combined with drainage of the common bile duct, but cholecystotomy and simple drainage of the subhepatic region have also given satisfactory results.

RICHARD E SOMMA

### GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT

Pack, G. T., and McNeer, G.: Sarcoma of the Stomach. Ann Surg, 1935, 101 1206

The great majority of the malignant tumors of the stomach are carcinomas. The occurrence of lymphosarcoma, fibrosarcoma, myosarcoma, and neuro-sarcoma in the stomach is very rare

The authors report nine cases of sarcoma of the stomach which included four of myosarcoma, three of primary gastric lymphosarcoma, and two of generalized lymphosarcomatosis with secondary in-

volvement of the stomach

The sarcomas constitute about r per cent of all gastric tumors They occur with equal frequency in males and females The average age of the authors' patients was forty-six years Some of these tumors are symptomless In the greater number of cases there is no history of gastric distress. Symptoms of obstruction are infrequent. Pain occurs only in the presence of mucosal ulceration The average duration of the symptoms is nine and one-half months As a rule it is impossible to differentiate a sarcoma from a carcinoma of the stomach by roentgen examination, but horizontal filling defects and the persistence of gastric peristals in the presence of a definite lesion suggest the former.

The treatment of choice for localized tumors is partial gastrectomy. This is especially effective in the cases of exogastric sarcomas. Gastric lymphosarcomas are extremely radiosensitive and usually respond favorably to well-planned irradiation treatment. John W. Nuzum, M.D.

Costantini, A, and Ballarin, G.: Research on Intestinal Peristalsis. The Action of Various Salts Injected Intravenously (Ricerche sulla penstalsi intestinale azione di varl sali iniettati endovena)

Arch ilal dichir, 1935, 39 401

In reviewing the literature dealing with the action of sodium chloride and other salts on intestinal peristalsis, the authors describe the numerous experimental methods employed in the past. They state that, when examined critically, most of these methods were imperfect and therefore yielded unsatisfactory results

Costantin and Ballarin used young healthy rab bits for their studies of the prohlem All observations were made through an abdominal cellusoid window which permitted a good view of the entire intestinal tract

First, normal intestinal peristalism was studied in control animal Subsequently ether anesthesis was used. It was found that immediately after the motion of the anesthesis the entire mesunal tract became markedly ischemic and peristals was completely agreeted. A moderate hyperma then developed and the intention gradually recursed in peristalism owners. Whilm the minutes after re-

moval of the mask peristaliss was again normal Attopine sulphate injected intracenously caused almost always an immediate arrest of all peristatic movement. The small intestine usually resumed its movements after four or five minutes and the colon after fifteen minutes.

Sodiuri chlo ide had a stimulating action only in high concentrations. Solutions less than normal had no effect. Sodium bromide, sodium thosulphate sodium birarhopate and gluco e acted similarly.

Potassium chloride in N/a solution coused a complete are to intestinal movements which was followed by very active periastics: A N/4 solution caused no initial arrest but very vigorous periastitic movements. Martessium asits acted similarly

Di sodium hydrogen phosphate and sod.am sul phate showed an intrimediate action in that they activated peristalisis in normal solution and, to a lesser extent in dutie solution.

Sodium fluoride even in dilute solution excited peristalas whereas calcium chlo ide always had an

inhibitory effect upon to.

The peculiar action of calcular chloride can probably be explained on the basis of its sedative effect
upon the nerve ending in the intestinal wall. The
explains the purgative action of a few salts which
other conditions being equal, bind the calcular with
the formation of difficulty soluble compounds

Solum chlorde sodium bearbonate sodum throughate sodum through and glucore we show at to be very active only in high concentrations. Although the specific action of these compounds can hardly be denied at must be bone in must that hippertonic solutions such a those used by the authors probably case of a disturbance of the someone equilibrium of the blood and that this disturbance used! may have acted as a stimulus to perstalate.

RICHARD F. SORMA.

Nell W Acute and Chronic Infrapapillary Duo denal Heus (Dr saute und chroniche mira papillare Duodenaliteus) Red West 1935 PP 81 122

The author considers the usual division of duodenal obstructions into mechanical infrançables; stenosis megaduodenum, and arternomesenteric obstruction of the intestine unfortunate because it does not explain these confusing conditions. If appears to him much more correct to consider all three conditions from the standpoint of the dominant sign, intestinal obstruction unthout regard to the anatomical picture. He states that it is important to observe the onset of the disease.

He does not discuss postoperative forms of diadenal obstruction or congenital atresia but de arribes the functional disturbances which develop during life and are easily confused with other con ditions because of their lack of characteris ic symp. toms Sometimes these functional disturbances de velop on the basis of concentral anomalies such for example, as the presence of a common mesentery The fatter permits torsion and kinking As a rule there are repeated, thrust like attacks before the occurrence of complete duodenal occlusion. The onset is therefore usually not characteristic and even in the interval stage the diagnosis is very diffi cult flowever there is one characteristic sign dur the the attack-distention of the unper part of the abdomen which is sharply limited on the left side and below When this appears, a roer genogram taken immediately will often show the site of the obstruction In contrast intestinal obstruction from band formation usually occurs suddenly and without warning Tumors and inflammatory ad herions less frequently cause infrapapillary stenous On the other hand primary functional disturbances may cause Linking with duodenal ateno is secon darily This is difficult to differentiate from primary arteriome enteric duodenal obstruction stormy onset suggests the latter whereas stient oustention of the gastroduodenal region with uncon trollable comiting suggests gastroduodenal atomy Apparently a primary megaduodenum is possible It can certainly be present nithout causing avmptoms Ptosis and atony of the duodenum may also fail to cause functional disturbances. The symptoms usually appear in middle age

In conclusion, Nell describes the clinical picture of sparie gastio natestinal obstraction. It states that Reschauser who first called the condition by this same attributed it to failure of function of the sympathetic nerve. The narrowed small intended the state of the state of the state of the sympathetic nerve. The narrowed small intended to the state of the state

The author presents a brief discussion of the treatment (W. Manori) Leo M Zingerick, MD

Minucel Del Rosso L. A Study of the Pathological Anatomy and Pathogenesis of Duodenal Direritcula (Studio anatomo-patologi o e patograe to oste directicolo del duodeno). Policia Rome 1935, 42 sez chr. 236

Two cases of perivaterian diverticula are reported The diserticula were discovered at autopsy and had caused no symptoms In the first case, that of a woman of sixty-one years who died of peritonitis secondary to pyelonephritis, there were two diverticula. In the second, that of a man sixty-eight years old who had a liver abscess, only one diverticulum was found. The histological picture in both cases was similar. The muscular coats of the intestine stopped abruptly at the entrance to the cavity, the walls of which were composed of submucosa and a thin flat mucosa without glands. There were no signs of inflammation or neoplasm.

The author reviews the history of duodenal diverticula and discusses their frequency, symptomatology, pathology, and origin. He behaves that statistics as to their frequency are unreliable as undoubtedly some of them are overlooked. Of 140 cases on record, the diverticula were discovered at operation in 50 and at autopsy in 90. In 60 other cases the diagnosis was made by roentgen examination. The author summarizes 68 cases in which a duodenal diverticulum was found at operation or autopsy. The first of these cases was reported by Chomel in 1710.

The pathogenesis of duodenal diverticula is obscure The arguments for a mechanical origin are repeated through tradition but without conviction, and should be definitely abandoned The dysontogenetic theory is also open to objections on anatomopathological grounds Diverticula of the duodenum are very probably congenital but different in origin from diverticula of the large intestine. The author's tentative explanation of their formation is as follows:

At about the third or fourth week of embryonic life, the duodenal anlage, while undergoing canalization, is acted upon by extrinsic mechanical forces, viz, compression by the pancreas and torsion of the umbilical loop. At the same time a small number of accessory cavities normally appear on the dorsal side of the second portion. The latter are usually transitory, but it appears probable that in certain cases the extrinsic factors mentioned may lead to their persistence and exaggeration.

This hypothesis is strengthened by the facts that a very large percentage of duodenal diverticula are in relationship with the pancreas; the presence of pancreatic tissue in the walls of duodenal diverticula is not unusual, and 90 per cent of duodenal diverticula occur in the second and third parts of the duodenium

The article contains illustrations and statistical tables and is followed by a bibliography.

M E MORSE, M D

Gardner, C. E., Jr., and Hart, D.: Enterogenous Cysts of the Duodenum. J. Am. M. Ass., 1935, 194 1800

The authors report a case of enterogenous cyst of the duodenum successfully treated by permanent internal dramage into the intestinal tract. In six similar cases collected from the literature the mortality was 100 per cent. Three of the collected cases were treated surgically, two by external

drainage In no case has the diagnosis been made before operation or autopsy. The symptoms are those of duodenal obstruction. As a rule a palpable mass is found in the right upper quadrant of the abdomen. The probable origin of the cyst is an embryonic diverticulum. Louis Sperling, M.D.

Prey, D , Foster, J. M., Jr., and Dennis, W.: Primary Sarcoma of the Duodenum: Report of a Case. Arch Surg, 1935, 30. 675.

Primary sarcoma of the duodenum is extremely rare. Only sixty-one authentic cases have been reported in the medical literature. It is usually of the round-celled type, but spindle-celled sarcomas, myosarcomas, and melanosarcomas bave been described. The tumor originates in the muscularis or submucosa and grows longitudinally, infiltrating the intestinal wall and transforming the bowel into a solid and rigid tube. It seldom encroaches upon the bowel lumen sufficiently to cause obstruction. Ulceration of the tumor growth is rare as compared with carcinoma. The sarcoma grows to an enormous size. Its average weight is 500 gm. It appears as a smooth, gray, cylindrical mass covered by serosa.

The case reported by the authors was that of a man forty-eight years old who was admitted to the Denver General Hospital on March 13, 1933, with a history of persistent nausea and vomiting of three and one-half months' duration Recently everything eaten had been vomited. About one month before entering the bospital the patient became conscious of a non-tender mass in the upper part of the abdomen. In the last three months he had had a weight loss of 20 lb. At no time had be passed tarry stools

Physical examination revealed a palpable mass above the umbilicus extending into the right upper quadrant of the abdomen. The mass appeared to be the size of a grapefruit. It was movable, smooth, and very hard Gastric analysis revealed no free hydrochloric acid. The total acidity was 5 On roentgen examination after a barium meal the stomach was found well filled and its greater curvature pushed upward from below by a rounded mass. The pylorus was normal The duodenal cap showed dilatation due to an obstruction in the second portion of the duodenum.

Operation disclosed a large mass the size of a grapefruit occupying the second and third portions of the duodenum and terminating abruptly at the duodenojejunal flexure. The mass was adherent to the pancreas posteriorly, and there were enlarged retroperitoneal glands. Removal of the tumor was impossible. The patient died April 27, about forty days after the exploratory laparotomy. Autopsy disclosed the presence of a large mass occupying the second and third parts of the duodenum and veighing 695 gm. Microscopic sections showed the mass to be a lymphosarcoma primary in the duodenum

In conclusion the authors state that no case of sarcoma of the duodenum has been cured by operation The article has an extensive bibliography.

JOHN W. NUZUM, M D

Pich II Circumscribed Phlegmons of the Cecum and Their Treatment (Die umschrebene Phleg mone des Coccums und ihre hehandlung) Bede x lin Chr. 1935 167 107

In the simplest form of non specific inflammation of the intestinal wall pericolitis the wall of the intestine shows delicate deposits or indurated strands which are to be reparred as the sequelx of an inflammation of the wall which has run its course When the disease lasts for a considerable length of time the involved part of the large intestine takes on a tumor like appearance and its lumen is defititely narrouned by the thickening of them all resulting from the chronic inflammation. The tumor like formation occurs most frequently in the ceral region and often involves al o the lowermost coils of the sleum Chaically the disease cannot be distinguished from a specific condition such as actinomy cosis tuberculosis or cancer. It has been attributed to traumatization of the mucosa by foreign bodies or intestinal parasites and to meta static infarction following septic systemic dis eases or nurulent bronchitis. In the majority of all non specific inflammations of the large intestine a pathological change of the mucosa is to be

regarded as the cause The treatment of circumscribed phlegmons of the intestine must depend upon the extent and nature of the inflammation. All chronic inflammatory to mors of the large intestines must be removed as re covery of the intestinal wall cannot be counted upon Nordmann says that when the focus is small and circumseribed the intestinal wall may be sewed over it and the focus cut out. Phleemons of greater extent require resection Tamponade is to be re sected Phiegmons of the cecum and the asrending colon are to a great exteot capable of spontaneous healing. The author observed spontaneous reces son even in three cases in which the phiermons had in solved the intestinal wall to a considerable extent He regards the coutine performance of deoceral re section as too radical. In one of three of his cases to which healing occurred without resection an intes tinal fistula formed but was closed by operation later (VON CANSTEIN) HARRY A SALERANN M.D.

Truesdale P E Retroposition of the Transverse Colon A Report of I'vo Cases J im 31 4ss 1912 194 1697

Abnormal position of the intestinal tract is the result of some disturbance of migration motation descent of fixition during embryance the Perhaps the rarest of all die elopmental assomation of the become retroposition of the transverse colon due to inverted rotation of the midgut during the tenth week of embryonic file. In the few cases reported in the hexature the transverse colon dipped back, unto a timel behind the duodenum and superior mesenteries artery. Some construction their caused migration of the construction that caused migration of the construction during the colon distriction of the construction of the caused migration of the colon o

Case a A woman forty five years of age was admitted to the hospital with severe abdominal color She gave a previous history of obstinate const.na tion Two days before she entered the hospital she had a severe attack of colicky abdominal pain which grew progressively worse. No results were obtained from enemas, and there was no boxel movement for forty-right hours When the abdomen was orened under the mistaken diagnosis of perforative anperdicitis the proximal colon was found enormously distended The recum and ascending colon were greatly ballooned The transverse colon disappeared in a funnel behind the mesentery Anterior to it were the duodenum and superior mesenteric artery Complete obstruction of the transverse colon in its mid portion and a torsion of the mesentery were discovered. The remainder of the colon from this point was completely collapsed. The cecum was needled and suction applied. The cecum was then withdrawn extraperitoneally and sutured into the wound but not opened. No neoplasm was found in the lower large bowel. The patient made a good recovery from the operation When she was discharged from the hospital twenty five days after ter admission the bowel movements were normal

Case 2 A woman forty nire years of age yas operated upon for the removal of a large pelve tumor. The neoplasm proved to be an adeo-certainers of the left oway. As a portion of the descending colon about 5 th long was involved by the enziers recordarily, the descending colon was it the safetime flexive and colontomy was performed to be suffered in the safetime flexive and colontomy was performed to be viewed as a new colon was transverse to the colon was to the safetime flexive and colontomy was performed to extern a nanatomous was made between the eccum and the rectum to re-establish the normal outlief of the colon and the sacending and transverse colon were resected. At this operation if was the served that the colon passed protectorist behavior pass the left half of the transverse colon through a tumore posteronyly to remove cit. The rettod placed

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### LIVER GALL BLADDER PANCREAS

transverse colon had caused no symptoms

Tenell S. Hepatic Function in Relation to Operation and American in Surgical Affections in General and Diseases and Drainage of the Billiary Fract (La Juntionalist spatica in raporto all intervento et all anestesia nelle malattu chimigethe in genter nelle affection e nel droaggo delle use blazin 'Art Ail di thin '1935 39 241

Tenel studied hepsite function before and after operation as manifested by almentary hyper givenus the retention of hengal rose urobinours and the amona-raid cure of the blood and ur as after the oral administration of geletin. With the exception of the arobalin determinations which were begun the first days after operation; the postoperative tests were made from five to eight days after the

intervention A few patients were studied during

periods of from one to three months

The studies included eight patients with diseases of the digestive tract (appendicitis, gastric ulcer, tuberculous peritonitis, and duodenal and gall-bladder adhesions) and twenty with diseases of the biliary tract. The findings are presented in a table and the most instructive cases are reported in full. The results are discussed with the aid of graphs, tables, photomicrographs, and a bibliography

The patients with gastro-intestinal conditions showed more or less hepatic insufficiency. This was generally increased by operation. However, the impression was gained that it would eventually dis-

appear after removal of the cause

Hepatic insufficiency was present before operation and increased by the operation also in the majority of the cases of disease of the biliary tract. The severity of the postoperative course ran parallel with the degree of insufficiency demonstrated before the

operation

The appearance of hepatic insufficiency after operation or an increase of a pre-existing insufficiency is not due solely to either the anesthetic or the operation since both factors act simultaneously The effect of an anesthetic or operation on the liver cannot be judged from the degree of postoperative insufficiency unless the pre-operative function is known Hepatic insufficiency caused or aggravated by anesthesia or operation soon disappears or improves notably If the causative factors are removed the condition of the liver may be much better than before operation However, if operations are repeated at such short intervals that the liver cannot recuperate in the interval, the functional condition of that organ may remain grave even when the primary cause of the insufficiency is removed

In calculous cholecystitis without stasis but with advanced hepatic insufficiency drainage of the biliary tract has no effect, whereas in obstruction of the common duct by stone and hepatogenous jaundice it is followed by marked improvement. In other words, liver function is improved by drainage only when the insufficiency is due principally to stasis of bile and not to factors causing profound

injury of the structure of the organ

In the studies reported alimentary hyperglycemia was found of great importance for the evaluation of hepatic function and especially for determination of the operative prognosis Determinations of the bilirubin content of the blood did not always give clear and consistent results, but when the content was high in the absence of stasis in the extrahepatic bile ducts the operative prognosis was unfavorable The bengal rose test was reliable in all cases The content of urobilin in the urine was of the greatest importance as an indication of transient or early insufficiency When it was high, its surgical significance was very unfavorable Its variations after operation gave a good indication of an unexpected and serious increase of the insufficiency Protein metabolism tests were found unrehable. The functional tests

always agreed with the operative and autopsy findings. They left no doubt as to the operative prognosis, only a few of the most sensitive are needed for this determination. While no single test is sufficient for diagnosis and prognosis, the following combination is of value: alimentary hyperglycemia, retention of bengal rose, bilirubinemia, and daily elimination of urobilin. M. E. Morse, M.D.

Ottenberg, R.: Painless Jaundice. J Am M Ass, 1935, 104 1681

Jaundice is of three types (1) hemolytic, (2) toxic infectious, and (3) obstructive

Obstructive jaundice is practically the same as surgical jaundice, whether the obstruction is due to a stone, carcinoma, stricture, or external pressure by other causes.

There is no sure method of distinguishing between obstruction and suppression of bile (liver-cell injury). For following the curve of bilirubinemia the icterus index is preferable to the quantitative van den Bergh test. A very high content of bihrubin in the blood occurs most often in hepatic degeneration.

A high content of cholesterol and cholesterol esters in the blood usually indicates obstruction, but on rare occasions may occur in hepatic degeneration. A low content of cholesterol esters points to hepatic

degeneration

A positive galactose-tolerance test indicates hepatic degeneration, but a normal test does not evolude that condition

The appearance of tyrosine in the urine in jaundice points to liver degeneration or malignancy Large amounts point to acute liver autolysis However, the absence of tyrosine in the urine has little significance

In surgical jaundice early operation is important. In medical jaundice, protection of the liver parenchyma by a suitable diet and injections of dextrose is the essential treatment

Samuel Kahn, M D

Boyden, E. A: The "Phrygian Cap" in Cholecystography, a Congenital Anomaly of the Gall Bladder. Am J. Roentgenol, 1935, 33 589

The author discusses the shape of the gall bladder in 165 individuals who were subjected to 200 scries of cholecystograms—each series consisting of a large number of cholecystograms made to determine the reaction of a presumably normal gall bladder to one or more forms of physiological experimentation.

Thirty (18 per cent) of these individuals showed marked kinking of the gall bladder, either between the body and infundibulum (24) or between the body and fundus (6) The kinking between the body and infundibulum, presumably occurring early in development through extreme modelling of the fossa vesicæ felleæ, is believed to represent merely an accentuation or a minor variation of the normal pattern. The gall bladder with kinking between the body and fundus, in which the fundus is fixed and folded, is identified with the "phrygische Mutze" of German pathologists, first described by Bartel in

The author's study indicate that st is the most common concentral anomaly of the human call bladder On the basis of new embryological studies this anomaly is subdivided into a main types the concealed or retro-crosal type cau ed by aberrant folding of the epithelial aniage of the gall bladder within the embryonic fossa vesice fellex and the serosal type caused by aberrant folding of the lossa itself in early stages of development. In the second type the bend of the rall bladder is fixed by the de velopment of fetal ligaments vestigial sents or con strictions of the lumen following delayed vacuoliza tion of the solid epithelial anlage. On the basis of physiological studies the author rejects the cutrent European theory that the folded fundus of an other wise normal gail bladder to a source of much in the upper quadrant of the abdomen and therefore of andisputable clinical importance

MANGEL E LICHTENSTEIN M D

Erdmann, J F Malignancy of the Gall Bladder Ann Sure tote tot tree

In this discussion the author does not include malignancy of the bile ducts or secondary or meta static malignancy of the gall bladder. On the basis of his experience in about 3 000 operations on the gall bladder he believes it is best not to induce pa tients to submit to gall blad fer operations by use of the cancer argument. He states that in employing this argument the surgeon must be certain that his operative mortality is less than the incidence of malignancy

The author's records for a period of five years show \$22 cholecystactomies and a cholecystostomies with is deaths a mortality of a 85 per cent The incidence of matignancy was 1 14 per cent (6 cases) less than half the mortality of operation The av erage are of the nation's with cancer was forty

eight vears

In all of the author's cases in which a caresnoma was discovered at operation for disease of the gull bladder a stone or stones or biliary sand was found

Except in cases in which metastase are already present there are no symptoms or signs upon which the diagnosis of carcinoma of the gall bladder can he hased with certainty

The treatment of choice for primary carcinoma of the gall bladder is cholecystectomy when this is possible TO FER K NARAT M D

Pototschnig G The Indications for and the Re suits of External Chaledochoduodenostomy (Anzeigestellung und Frgebnisse der Choledochoduodenostomie externa) Deutsche Zische I Chie 1035 344 288

Among seventy two operations on the common duct eighteen choledochoduodenostomes were per formed. The objections which have been advanced against choledochoduodenostomy were refuted. In the surgery of the biliary passages the procedures of choice are those which permit internal drainage Choledorhoduodenostomy is to be considered when

after artificial dilatation of the rapilla a mple sature of the common duct a either impossible or untrust worthy Other indicat ons for this procedure a

I The presence in the common duct of multiple calculs with an admixture of mucus and gnt 2 Cicatricial narrowing of the lower portion of

the common duct and chronic cirrhosis of the head of the pancreas

3 Suppurative cholangeitis

4 Accidental operative injury of the common

s. Idionathic east of the common duct 6 External compression of the rommon duct

Of the eighteen cases of rholedochoduodenostomy reported by the author the operation was followed by death in two In ten cases primary closure of the abdominal cavity was done. In one case a duodenal fistula occurred. In four cases end to-side anastomosi was done. The author states that the danger of backflow of intestinal contents into the common duct and therefore of ascending infection 13 apparently less common when chiledochoduodenostory to done than when the gail bladder is used in the anastomosis. In only one of the cases reported did postoperative \ ray examination re veal passage of the barrum into the bihary passages One female patient had attacks of cholangeits after the operation. The author leaves unarswered the question as to whether these symptoms were due to the operation or weakening of resistance

(F RESNUARD) HARRY & SALEMANN M.D.

Latent Adenocarcinoma of the Casbarrini A Body of the Pancreas (Adencercinoma latente del corpo del pancrens) Policias Pome 193 42 sez prat 477

The case reported was that of a woman fifty six years of age who at the age of fifteen had a mild attack of typhoid fever and when twenty years old developed anemia accompanied by a slight elevation of the temperature pallor extreme asthema dien ness and loss of weight. She never recovered from the latter condition in spite of treatment

As she had always been severely constipated it had been her bab t to take daily doses of a saline cathartic or senna. She stated that she often experienced abdominal pain and that she had had an ascares infection of veveral years duration

Shortly before her admission to the clinic she rom planted of diffuse abdominal pain. After she con sulted a physician who treated her for colitis, the pain became localized mainly in the right side and she suffered severe nocturnal attacks accompanied by general malaise a sense of fullness in the stom ach and marked asthenia. She no iced also an icteric tint of the skin and sclera and a darkening of the urine

I hysical examination revealed marked emargation pronounced science and a pitting edema over baseous surfaces The tongue was coated and dry There was a pleural effusion on the right side and deep palpation of the abdomen revealed the presence

of an irregular, indurated, and tender mass extending from the region of the epigastrium to about 3 cm from the umbilicus Ascitic fluid was present and the liver and spleen were moderately enlarged

While the patient was in the hospital the jaundice deepened, the stools became acholic, and there were three attacks of severe nocturnal colicky pain localized under the right hypochondriac region and in the right flank. She was never nauseated and never yomited

X-ray examination revealed no lesions referable to the gastro-intestinal tract or the head of the

ancreas

On the basis of the history, clinical picture, and laboratory findings and after definite exclusion of hemolytic jaundice, the author considered the possibility of an obstruction along the biliary passages, probably at about the level of the hepatic ducts. He concluded that the obstruction was due to a carcinomatous growth in the body of the pancreas and that pleural effusion was the result of transdiaphragmatic metastases

The patient died some time later Postmortem examination disclosed a large neoplastic growth involving mainly the body of the pancreas, metastases along the suprapancreatic, pre-aortic and retrogastric lymph glands and along those accompanying the hepatic and common ducts, and transdiaphragmatic metastases to the pleura and the base of the

right lung

Histological examination confirmed the diagnosis of adenocarcinoma of the body of the pancreas

RICHARD E SOMMA

### MISCELLANEOUS

Pozzi, A: "The Coin Test" in Pneumoperitoneum (II "segno del soldo" nel pneumoperitoneo). Policilin, Rome, 1935, 42 sez med 197

The value of the coin test in pneumoperatoneum was recognized by the author as the result of an accidental observation in the case of a patient with amebic dysentery and an ulcer perforating into the peritoneum. In this instance, application of the coin anteriorly and auscultation posteriorly determined the diagnosis, which was corroborated by roentgen examination and laboratory reports

In examination of the thorax, the test is essentially that of Pitres and Trousseau It consists in applying a coin to the chest, striking it with another coin, and at the same time auscultating on the opposite side of the chest In the presence of aircontaining cavities the sound is a metallic tinkle. This is constant in a zone containing gas, fails to occur when there is exudation, and recurs when the liquid is absorbed In the abdomen the test is performed in the same way and the sounds are similar to those heard in the chest

In ten cases in which the author produced artificial pneumoperitoneum he found that the test was most characteristic after the injection of from 900 to 1,000 c cm of air, when the roentgen image was most indicative of air.

In the simple meteorism of pneumocolon the signs of the coin test follow the course of the colon, while in pneumoperitoneum they are diffuse over the abdominal wall CLARA RAYEN

### GYNECOLOGY

#### UTERUS

Guthmann II and Azert W Operation or Irradiation Treatment of Myomae A Report on Clinic Cases Treated in the Period from 1526 to 1936 (Operation oder Strakhenbehandlang der Hyome I in Bencht ubert de in den jahren 1920-1930 behandelten Faelle der kJusk) Mondutche f Lobarita w Ghande 1935 56 324

The authors discuss the advantages and disad vantages of stradiation and surgical treatment of uterine my omas on the basis of 150 cases. Two hundred and thirty five of the patients were treated by ittadiation 18, by operation and , 1 by non specific measures. Of the 335 treated in the period between 1020 and 1930 and followed up 183 nere treated by irradiation by various methods are were operated upon by various methods and 3x received non specific treatment. The end results in those treated by operation and those treated by irradia tion were almost the same when the permanent amenorrhea induced by irradiation is compared with that produced by complete removal of the uterus and the temporary amenorrhea induced by irradia tion is compared with that induced by nartial operatiot

The primary mortality in the operatively treated cases was 48 per cent. The symptoms secondary to the treatment for myoma were symptoms of gental insufficiency obesity and difficulties in secural intercourse. Even as regards the signs of gental insufficiency, the results of irradiation and surgical treatment were aimlar. The frequency of such symptoms after complete removal of the uterus and both overre and after the induction of pertainent amenothes by irradiation was approximately 87 per cent. When it oversy was left threat invoicable. The authors attribute great importance to psychic phenomena in the occurrence of such as myologia.

The gain in weight was the same after both surgical and irradiation treatment. First there was the gain in weight due to convalescence. In 5 per cent of the patients who were treated by irradiation as well as of those treated surposally this gain in weight was nathological.

was pathological

The incidence of difficulties in sexual intercourse
due to involutional changes was 13 per cent after
irradiation and 13 per cent after operation

On the basis of these findings the authors concide that the treatment for moving must be haved on the requirements of the individual case. In the choice of treatment it is necessary to consider the type of the mioma (subserous inframural submucous intraligamentary) complications the age of the patient the importance of preserving mensions. ation the patient's ability to conceive endocrine disturbances and nervous disturbances. The authors believe that irradiation and operation should be used in conjunction with each other.

(F A. Bost) HARRY & SALEMANN VD

### EXTERNAL GENITALIA

Ruffel Z A Case of Melanoblastoms of the Vulva (Em Fall von Melanoblastom der Vulva) Zenesi'i f Gynaek 1935 p. 326

A nullipara sevent; eight years old who enterthe hospital with cachean and co anness gave a hit tory of recent irregular, slight hemorrhages which had cassed and gradual swelling of the laba. Three days after her admis one she ded The findings of the examinations made before and after destb a cluded small tumor nodules up to the state of a year late, order and the hose marrow a very large number of hoswinsh black and mottled nodelle up to the state of a cherry an the lungs blark, pearl nerklase like nodules in the cortical plears and nodules in the cardiace since percendium planvia explagata liver gall bladder, spicen adrenal home.

At the site of insertion of the prepare of the chitons and on the toner surface of the labia minora there were thick indurations with ulcers the bases of which were grayish and black. The swollen labia minora projected beyond the fabia majora. The entire vulva was studded with small black nodules Some of the cells were free from pigment whereas others were so full of pigment that the shape of the cells was not recognizable the nucleus and cell body were hidden and the pigment had spread outside the cell The cells varied considerably also in other respects Staining disclosed a very dense reticulum which ceased near the squamous epithelium and ext-aded into the papilla with only a few f bers Large portions of the vulvar tumor were necrotic especially in the deeper parts. The lacune of the corpora cavernoss of the chtoris were filled by tumor cells The large blood vessels also contained tumor may es and the inguinal glands showed metastates The tumor of the vulva was regarded as primary because it was the largest podule

(R MEYER) WILLIAM C BECK MID

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Allen E B Menatrual Dysfunctions in Disorders
of the Personality Their Nature and Treat
ment Endocrinology 1035 19 255

One hundred and fifty patients at the Blooming dale Hospital White Plains N 1 were selected for a clinical study of the relation of menstrual disorders to functional mental illness and the effect of treatment, especially endocrine treatment, for their relief These patients were divided into the following 4 groups according to psychiatric diagnosis (1) 54 with manic-depressive psychoses, (2) 54 with schizophrenic psychoses, (3) 21 with psychoneuroses, and (4) 21 with miscellaneous conditions consisting of psychopathic personalities and psychoses associated with somatic disease

Many of the patients in acute states of excitement were menstruating when they entered the hospital Seventy-six per cent of the manic-depressives were menstruating on admission or menstruated within a week, while only 46 per cent of the schizophrenic group were menstruating on admission or menstruated within a week. In the manic-depressive patients there was a definite correlation between the degree of activity, with its associated mood, and the amount of menstrual flow. Of 34 patients observed in the manic phase, few showed any interruption in their menstrual periods. The more intensely excited manics occasionally skipped a period

The most characteristic reaction of the 43 patients observed in the depressive phase was amenorrhea, which was directly associated with the duration of this phase and the intensity of the mood. As the depression became more pronounced, the intervals between the periods became longer and the flow became scant and of shorter duration. Finally a period of amenorrhea intervened. The degree of psychomotor retardation appeared to be the essential index of whether the menstrual periods were to

be delayed or absent

In the psychoneurotics, dysmenorrhea was a most distressing symptom. Those who were markedly depressed and displayed suicidal tendencies generally had amenorrhea over periods ranging from one month to a year. This was similar to the reaction noted in the acute depressions. When menstrual irregularities occurred, a tendency toward schizophrenic traits was evident.

Menstrual dysfunction is only one of many physiological ways in which the endocrine system expresses emotional disturbance in a disordered personality. If the emotional stress is reduced, the menstrual dysfunction will be corrected without specific drug therapy unless there is some underlying endocrine or structural disease. While such disease may be present, it is exceedingly rare in functional

disorders of personality

Treatment directed toward improving the general health and alleviating emotional distress was productive of the hest results in menstrual dysfunctions associated with disorders of personality. In no case did endocrine therapy directly shorten the period of amenorrhea or increase a diminished menstrual flow. In cases of dysmenorrhea and of profuse or prolonged menstruation, antuitrin-S gave subjective relief and appeared to diminish the flow, but did not shorten the period.

ALBERT W. HOLMAN, M. D.

Weibel, W.: Non-Venereal Infectious Processes in the Female Genital Organs (Ausgewachlte nichtvenerischer Infektionsprozesse am weiblichen Genital) Muenchen. med Wehnschr, 1934, 1 430

Weibel reports his experiences with certain nonvenereal infections of the female genital organs He first discusses the diagnosis and treatment of genital tuberculosis He states that this condition is much more common than is generally believed The diagnosis of adnexal tuberculosis can be made easily when ascites is present, but cannot be based entirely on the well-known nodules in the pouch of Douglas In a doubtful case the author facilitated the diagnosis by performing a posterior celiotomy and inspecting and palpating the pouch of Douglas He considers curettage of the uterus dangerous as in 1 case he saw it followed by a fatal miliary dissemination He states that while the cervix is very rarely involved in genital tuberculosis, he has seen 2 cases of cervical involvement

For the treatment of genital tuberculosis in the female, Weibel first recommends heliotherapy and roentgen irradiation, the latter in frequently repeated, not too massive doses. He states that the amenorrhoea which may result from the roentgen irradiation is only of advantage as women with genital tuberculosis are usually sterile. Exploratory laparotomy is occasionally necessary, but extensive interventions should never be undertaken as they are associated with the danger of intestinal fistula formation.

Weibel next discusses manual separation of the placenta in the presence of fever. He cites the statistics of Katz, Heidler, and Steinhardt and those published by himself from Prague In order to eliminate the error inherent in statistics based on small numbers of cases, he combined the 3 series of statistics after discussing them individually. There were 131,704 labors with manual separation of the placenta in 1,762 (13 per cent) One hundred and seventy-three (10 per cent) of the placental separations were done in the presence of fever. The uncorrected mortality in the cases of placental separation in the presence of fever was 16 per cent (28 deaths) and the corrected mortality, 8 per cent (14 This mortality indicates that complete vaginal extirpation of the uterus without previous attempts at separation of the placenta is absolutely justified Removal of infected remains of the placenta is also extremely dangerous, as is shown by a case with a fatal course Even careful digital removal of loosely attached placental remnants is sufficient to cause a fatal infection From the fatal termination in his case the author concludes that even in the cases of very young women total vaginal extirpation of the uterus should be done when there is partial or total retention of the placenta in the presence of uterine infection. He states that the morbidity of manual separation of the placenta in the presence of fever ranges from 42 to 62 per cent.

Weibel next discusses the treatment of febrile abortion. He states that the usual classification into

alebrale febrale, and complexed expens in insufficient as the complicated cases may be afebrile or febrile and complicating changes of the most varying char acter may be next to the uterus. The oroblem as to whether februle abortion should be treated actively or conservatively is a subject of dispute. There are good arguments for both types of treatment. The author has changed from active to conscreative treatment. In his cases of febrile abortion treated by purely con enable measures the mortality was A 2 per cent whereas in afebrile cases of was only o as per cent. In cases of febrile abortion operated upon orimarily the mortality was a a per cent, whereas in 103 cases in which the nationt was first kept under observation for a while and then treated surgically there were no deaths. In complicated cases of febrile abortion the mortality was 6 per cent whereas in complicated cases of afebrale abortion there was no mortality

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Bierman II and Horowitz F A. The Treatment of Gonorrhea in the Temale by Means of Systemic and Additional Pelvie Hearing J im If the 1855 194 179.

Bierman and Horowitz have found that elevation of the systemic temperature with the imultaneous addition of pelvic heat constitutes a rapidle effective method of treating sonorthea in the female. Its value is based on the fact that the gonoso-cus can be killed by temperatures that are not injurious to body

trauses. The authors review the cases of twenty three femile patients with genorrhea whose subsequent course they were able to follow clockly. Tet of the e patients had had previous local chemisal treatment which failed to case disappearance of the genocording eighteen of the twenty three subsections of the property of the cases with subjunctive some control of the cases with subjunctive genocord were found in twelve in the chronic stage. In all of the cases with subjunctive genocord were found in twelve and the twelve the cases with subjunctive genocord were found in twelve cases.

mine they were found also in the urethra. Of the five patients without salpingitis too had gororriest arthrais one acute cervicius only, one urethrits with bartholinitis and one gonorrheal cervicus urethritis, and procuties.

In the authors technique pelvic diastemy is in ployed while the patient lies within a bood centain ing carbon filament lamps. The additional use of a cathant surrounding the body which contains photothermic lamps rouses a rayad elevation of the general temperature because of the prevention of heat loss from the body, and the introduction of heat loss from the body, and the introduction of lattle plant lamps are sufficiently as the surrounding the surrounding

from the systemic fever Constant watchfulness throughout treatment is imperative. In nineteen of the twenty three cause reviewed an average of less than three treatments caused complete disappearance of the conococci. In two of the remaining cases the cervix was freed from gonococci after two treatments but not the urethra In these two ca es coagulation of Skenes ducts cleared up the usethra A case of cervities treated once was not freed from gunocorer. In one case reinfection of the urethra occurred from a persistent gonorrheal proctitis Patients with salpingiti or urethritis were relieved from pain after one or two treatments Abnormal discharges rapidly ceased Inflammator) masses subsided but in hie of the enhicen cases of salpanguts some adversi enlarge

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there are serious all effects.

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## **OBSTETRICS**

### PREGNANCY AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Eymer, H.: The Early Diagnosis of Extra-Uterine Pregnancy (Die Fruehdiagnose der Extrauteringraviditaet) Med Welt, 1934, p 615

The early recognition of tubal pregnancy is of special importance to the general practitioner, for if the condition is not recognized early it may lead to serious complications and improper treatment may have serious consequences. Extra-uterine pregnancy is relatively frequent. In the 15,000 obstetrical cases in Heidelberg in the last sixteen years its incidence was 3 per cent. Recently an increase in

its frequency has been noted

The author discusses the differential diagnosis in great detail He states that recognition of an undisturbed ectopic pregnancy is usually impossible. The first symptoms of a disturbed ectopic pregnancy are bleeding and characteristic laterally located pains When the history is taken the patient should be especially questioned regarding such symptoms The findings of examination are often vague Examination under anesthesia is advisable only in the course of preparation for operation as it may cause severe hemorrhage. If a mole has developed, it is often palpable as a soft, friable, and always unilateral tumor in contrast to the elastic and often bilateral tumors of inflammatory origin The latter usually cause persistent pain, whereas the pain of tubal pregnancy is usually of a cramp-like character Typical of mole are rapid fluctuation in size and a tendency to extend posteriorly which may suggest retroflexion of a pregnant uterus

Eymer does not recommend colpopuncture as it does not always aid in the diagnosis, other conditions causing similar bleeding, and it is associated with great danger of causing infection. He states that even the Aschheim-Zondek test is not altogether rehable. However, when extra-uterine pregnancy is suspected on the basis of positive urinary findings, operation should be done, especially if the uterus has been previously emptied by curettage. Severe internal hemorrhage and the presence of peritoneal irritation confirm the diagnosis. Other conditions causing similar hemorrhage also call for operation

In conclusion the author states that if the general practitioner bears extra-uterine pregnancy in mind he will be able to recognize it earlier and more frequently (Kurt W Schulze) Philip Shapiro, M D.

Havlásek, L: Intestinal Obstruction and Pregnancy (Darmverschluss und Schwangerschaft) Čas lék česk, 1934, pp 1312, 1344

On the basis of the histories of 6 cases of ileus, 5 of which were observed among 20,230 cases of advanced pregnancy seen during the past ten years at the

Mueller Clinic, the author calls attention to the importance of timely surgical treatment of this condition which in its early stages is often very difficult to diagnose In 2 of the cases reviewed the diagnosis of "pregnancy ileus" was made when the symptoms quickly ceased on evacuation of the uterus In one of these cases the uterus was emptied in the eighth month by vaginal cesarean section. In the other, delivery was effected, after protracted labor and the failure of high forceps, by perforation of the head which was obstructed in the narrow pelvis. Of the 4 other cases, I was that of a twenty-four-year-old primipara in the fourth month of pregnancy in whom strangulation of the jejunum was caused by a cicatricial band formed after an appendectomy performed two years previously The strangulation was relieved by liberation of the band and the pregnancy went to term. In the 3 other cases 2 in which the ileus developed in the seventh month and r in which it developed in the sixth month of pregnancydeath resulted because operation was delayed too long by conservative treatment or the induction of premature delivery The condition in the last case, that of a multipara thirty-seven years old who developed volvulus of the sigmoid mesocolon with strangulation of the uterus in the sixth month of pregnancy. is extremely rare

The author believes that the primary cause of pregnancy ileus is a disturbance of the hormone balance due to a decrease in the tonus of the smooth musculature resulting from changes in the sympathetic nervous system (hypotony or atony of the intestinal musculature) The secondary causes, he believes, are mechanical disturbances produced by the enlarging uterus. He states that the pyelitis of pregnancy is of no importance in the causation of the ileus. It is more apt to develop secondarily as the result of hematogenous infection of the kidneys

after prolonged intestinal obstruction.

Early surgical treatment (laparotomy) is to be preferred under all circumstances to obstetrical treatment (interruption of the pregnancy) as it permits recognition and removal of the causes of the obstruction with, in some cases, preservation of the pregnancy (Stephan Sommer) Jacob E Klein, M D

Wickramasuriya, G. A. W.: The Grave Risks of Hookworm Disease as a Complication of Pregnancy. J Obst & Gynac Brit Emp, 1935, 42: 217.

In districts scourged by hookworm, hookworm disease is the most common cause of repeated miscarriage and abortion. It is also a potent factor in maternal and fetal mortality, causing 27 per cent of the total maternal mortality in hospitals and 13 per cent of the fetal mortality. Early recognition

best results

and energetic treatment are essential for successful pregnancy particularly if the bemoglobin is below Toxemic manifestations are frequent in pree nant women suffering from bookworm disease par ticularly in the second half of pregnancy toremia is of either an edematous (renal) type or simple non edematous type Pregnant women with hookworm disease should all be considered to have a lowered Lidney reserve if not latent or occult nephritis since the majority exhibit evidences of impairment of renal function Repeated preg nancies complicated by hookworm disease fre quently result in permanent kidney damage. Car. diac failure is the cause of death in most cales and may occur at any time even in the puerperium The prognosis is greatly influenced by the cardiac damage and the seventy of the anemia

HENRY S ACKEY IN M D

### LABOR AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Goussakoff L Considerations on Publiotomy (Quelques considerations sur la publiotomie) Res franc de gynte et ebrt 1015 30 15.

The author states that while the technique of publishing is well known the operation having been performed extensively since about 1900 he believes that attention abould be called to several points which are of importance for the attainment of the

He states that the bladder should of course be emptied just prior to the operation. The incision should be made through the left ramus of the bone with a Gigli saw introduced by the subcutaneous route. Frauma to the head of the fetus must be avoided Care must be taken also to prevent injury of the vaginal mucosa because a direct com munication between the genital canal and the open wound in the bone will favor infection and exert an unfavorable influence on the healing of the incision When the section of the bone is about completed assistants should make pressure on the trochanters of both femurs to prevent a sudden strain on the sacro-shac joints and tearing of the vagina or the soft narts about the symphysis pubis between the two ends of the bone does not exceed the width of two fingers. Ordinarily pressure in the region of the wound is sufficient to control bemor rhage but occasionally a vaginal tampon may be Hematoma of the labra majora not infrequently follows but is usually of no serious consequence. Recently the author has allowed labor to proceed normally without intervention if there is no utgent need for rapid delivery. He believes that this practice has reduced the incidence of injury to the soft parts and the descending head

If the diameter of the superior strait is less than 7 cm pubodoms is contra indicated and cesarean section must be performed. Pubodomy is contra indicated also when the pelvic measurements are normal if there is a marked disproportion between the size of the head and the pelvic infet due to

hydrocephalus or some other cause. It is suitable only in the cases of multiparas because in women who have borne children there is less danger of rupture of the soft parts. Dilatation must be complete before the operation. The presence of infection or large varicosities is a contra indication.

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#### PUERPERIUM AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

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by Antistreptococcal Serum Longs 1935 193
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Ford R & Autogenous Infection in Relation to Puerperal Morbidity J Ohit & Gyaze Bril Emp 2035 42 207

The author cites cases which indicate that purt peral infection may be caused by a latent septicema or bacteriema or some other extragential source of infection and to coliform bacteria. He discusses results of investigations with the Dick test. Roland S Croy MD

Moon A A and Gilbert B A Study of Acute
Mastitis of the Puerperjum J Obst & Grace
Brit Emp 1935 42 268

Seventy five per cent of the patients whose case are resusced by the authors were primipans. Acute mistitus of the patients was found to occur cheely in hospitabled patients. In distinct observated cases it was rare. It was most frequent in the list two and the first two months of the year laterierance with labor was apparently a causative factor of some importance. In all of the cases to which a hacteriological examination was made the offending organism was the stapply/cooccus sureus.

Only about 25 per cent of the cases showed spontaneous resolution. The remainder required incision and drainage. This operation gave the best results when it was delayed until complete localization.

tion had been established. Cracked nipples were not found to be of importance as a causative factor.

There was a fetal mortality of 3 per cent and a fetal morbidity of 8 per cent due to intestinal infection. The authors advise removing the baby from both breasts as soon as the diagnosis of acute mastitis is established.

Henry S Acken, Jr.

Eades, M. F.: Massive Collapse of the Lung Following Childbirth. A Report of Two Cases. New England J. Med., 1935, 212 813

In reporting two cases of massive collapse of the lung following childbirth the author states that this complication is either rare or rarely recognized

The condition is most likely to be confused with postpartum pulmonary embolus or pneumonia Because of the extremely favorable prognosis of massive collapse as compared with that of pulmonary embolus and pneumonia, an accurate diagnosis is of great importance. The chief features upon which the clinical diagnosis is based are the usually sudden onset, the often acute respiratory embarrassment, the massive pulmonary involvement, and the cardiac displacement. Roentgen examinations are of value for confirmation of the diagnosis and observation of the progress of re-inflation.

The simplest and most satisfactory treatment consists in turning the patient from side to side every two hours to improve drainage and loosen the obstructing mucus mechanically. The prognosis is good as spontaneous recovery is the rule

ROLAND S CRON, M D

### MISCELLANEOUS

Clemmer, J. J., and Hansmann, G. H.: The Origin of Chorionepitheliomas and of Emboli from Trophoblastic Fragments Enclosed in the Myometrium. Am. J. Obst. & Gynec., 1935, 29, 526.

After describing a retrogressing hemorrhagic pulmonary lesion containing placental tissue, the authors discuss the theory of pulmonary metastases of choronepithelioma. In this discussion they state that, following a brief period of pregnancy, the endometrium rapidly extends over the placental site, entrapping bits of trophoderm located deeply in the myometrium. Such placental remnants are not uncommon. As a rule they are rapidly absorbed, but in some cases they lie dormant for long intervals.

The authors then report two cases of choronepithelioma in which the tumor apparently originated deeply in the myometrium. This location made it inaccessible to the curette and consequently retarded the diagnosis.

In conclusion the authors state that when clinical symptoms suggesting chorionepithelioma are associated with a strongly positive Aschheim-Zondek or Friedman reaction and there is no evidence whatever of placenta or a placental neoplasm in uterine curettings, surgical exploration should be done as it may often result in the early diagnosis and adequate treatment of an intramural newgrowth of placental origin.

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### GENITO-URINARY SURGERY

### ADRENAL KIDNEY, AND URETER

Bull P The Treatment and Prognosis of Hyper nephroma Acta chirurg Scord 1035 76 270

Bull reports on thirty seven cases of hyper nephroma Twenty-one of the patients were males and 73 per cent were between forty and frly nonyears of age. One female patient was eighteen years old.

Nephrectomy was done in twenty six of the case, with death in two a mortability of 7 p per cent One of the deaths, was due to uremia fether aneathesis) and one to pulmonary embolism occurring a lew hours after the operation. Twenty of the upphrectionness were extraphritoneal and air were intra always beginning the operation with ligation of the vessils to pre-rui metastases.

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vielded satisfactory results

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The thirteen patients who died of recurrence after nephrectown invest do it from two and three-quarters month to six and three quarters years. The average survival of these patients was two years after the perhipertomy and three years after the onset of the

che cal symptoms

Fen patients who were not treated by nephrec tomy survived for from one to three and a half years fhe average length of their survival from the first symptoms was two years

One patient died fifteen hours after pyelography with the injection of 20 c cm of a 25 per cent solu

tion of sodir in bromide

One patient with a glandular metastasis the size of a walnut is still living after thrifteen exact. All of the five patients with thromboss of the renal vended of recurrences. The prognosis was were in the cases of atypical hypernephroma than in those of tripical the percepthorna. One patient with a metastans in the fermur was free from recurrence nearly two vests after disastriculation of the fermur hand the first patients.

Sacco E The Value of Meatoscopy in the Imag mosts of Pyelo Ureteral Conditions (Valore della meatoscopia nella d agnost della safessom pielo ureterali) Arch sud di urol 1933 1 277

Fenwick's classical work on the value of present meatoscopy in obscure diseases of the kidney was published in London in 1901 Since that time this method of examination has lost favor to some extent as many urologists hold that it has been replaced by more modern methods of disenous of conditions of the renal pelvis and ureter. However, the author be heves that it is still of great importance and that its value is increased rather than decreased by the aid of other methods. In support of this common he reports nineteen cases with roentgenograms showing the typical changes in the orifices of the meters in various pathological conditions, and gives the protocol, of animal experiments which show the changes to the duration rhythm and force of the urcteral ejaculations as related to pathological con-ditions. The article is fullowed by an extensive bibliography AUDREY GUSS MORGAN DED

Calcolari, T. Studies on the Capillaries of the Cortes of the Kidney. The Behavior of the Capillaries of the Cortical Tone After Execution that is of the Cortical Tone After Execution and the Capillaries of the Capillaries

Calculars studied the capillaries of the renal cortex in the guines pig after denervation of the renal peduncie chemical sympathectomy of the renal vessels by means of phenol and decapsulation. He attempted to determine (z) whether changes are produced in the capillaries by variations in the rensl innervation and (2) whether the vaccular changes revealed by other methods of research are reflected in the capillary system. He states that capillar o copic studies are of importance because recent researches appear to have rendered previous con chisions doubtful and because the mechani m of improvement following operations to reheve punish conditions of the kidney or improve renal function is not set fully known. He believes that the studies reported in this article were the first capilla oscopic investigations of the renal cortex

Three eries of experiments on ten guinea pigeach were conducted with Salvioles innopeatitoscope which permits manometric readings of

capillary pessure under microscopic control. The results of denervation were negative. After this procedure the capillaros-ropic picture remained unchanged and the manometric variations were within the normal limits. These finding are logical.

in view of the possibility that the capillaries have an independent contractility and that the nerve fibers do not extend to the capillaries

After chemical sympathectomy the morphological character of the loops was unchanged, but the maximal pressure in all cases was definitely below the pre-operative level. The latter finding agrees with that after sympathectomy of the limbs.

Decapsulation caused the most pronounced changes At first the loops were narrower, reduced in size, and less flexible, later they appeared fragmented, giving the surface a granular appearance, and their number seemed to be considerably increased The pressure, particularly the maximum pressure, rose The picture was clear and persistent. It is difficult to say whether the changes were due immediately to trauma or indirectly to sympathetic stimulation The operative trauma was sufficient to account for the thinning and the rise in pressure.

The article includes photographs, tables, and graphs, and a bibliography M E MORSE, M D.

Calzolari, T.: Studies of the Capillaries of the Cortex of the Kidney. The Behavior of the Capillaries of the Cortical Zone in Hypertrophy of the Kidney (Studi sui capillan della corticale del rene Comportamento dei capillan della zona corticale nei processi di pertrofia del rene) Archital di urol, 1935, 12 425.

The author performed nephrectomy on guinea pigs and made capillariscopic and tonometric examinations of the vessels of the cortex of the remaining kidney. He found that the vessel loops did not undergo any change in form or arrangement, but that the intracapillary pressure rose steadily for about forty-eight hours and then returned gradually to normal. An increase in the weight of the kidney was observed at about the ninth day. This was not so much a true hypertrophy as a hydronephrosis, probably of dynamic origin. The vessel changes were chiefly those of active and passive hyperemia of the organ.

The maximum pressure coincided with the phase of most marked hyperemia of the periphery of the cortex immediately beneath the capsule. Histological examination showed hyperemia and infiltration. There was moderate hypertrophy of the glomeruli, but it is impossible to say that there was a definite hyperplasia. The compensation after nephrectomy is evidently functional. There is probably an anatomical hypertrophy but in the nature of an increase in size and possibly in the number of the pre-existing epithelial cells. New formation of gland cells progressing to complete functional differentiation cannot be seen. Audrey Goss Morgan, M.D.

Gouverneur, R, and Cachin, C: The Operative Indications in Renal Ptosis (Les indications opératoires dans les ptosis rénales) Bull et mém Soc nat de chir, 1935, 61 575

In the authors' opinion, poor results from fixation of the kidney in cases of ptosis are due not so much

to defects in the operation as to incomplete preoperative study and poorly carried out treatment

The fundamental difficulty in ptosis of the kidney is due to mechanical factors which cause also numerous secondary problems. Examples of the former are kinks in the ureter and pressure on the ureter by the lower pole of the kidney which lead to ureteral dilatation, dilatation of the renal pelvis, hydronephrosis, and pyonephrosis. Pain is caused by pressure on the nerve plexus, venous congestion, or infection

Determination of the indications for operation requires clinical observation, bacteriological examination of the urine, tests of renal function, and pyelography or urography with the patient in the vertical position.

In some cases displacement of the kidney occurs suddenly during violent effort. The pain is acute and radiates from the lumbar to the inguinal region. It is relieved by pushing the ptosed kidney back. Operation is indicated because the condition recurs during effort. This type is not common. In other cases, the pain is not entirely relieved by reduction of the kidney, but comes on during the moderate effort of walking or running down stairs. In such cases there are crises of pain due to venous congestion. Often the patient suffers also from abdominal pain, digestive disturbances, and palpitation.

Two other types of cases are: (1) those in which the renal displacement causes no discomfort, and (2) those in which the renal ptosis is part of a generalized ptosis of all the abdominal viscera. In such cases operation is contra-indicated

Before operation, urological examination must show the kidney to be free from infection. If pyelonephritis is present, an attempt should be made to clear it up. Unless it is cleared up, fixation of the kidney should not be attempted. Hydronephrosis which is marked and not due merely to dilatation of the pelvis from ureteral obstruction is a definite contra-indication to fixation of the kidney Great care should be exercised in determining the function of the ptosed kidney before operation

The authors recommend tenebryl as the contrast

medium of choice for pyelography

In the twenty-three reviewed cases in which the authors operated for renal ptosis, the results were uniformly good. Several of the patients had previously been operated upon for appendictis, cholecystitis, and other conditions without relief.

MARSH W POOLE, M D

Blanc, H., and Guérin, P.: Considerations on a Case of Bilateral Hydronephrosis in a Pregnant Woman (Considérations sur un cas d'hydronéphrose bi-latérale chez une femme enceinte) J d'urol. méd et chir., 1935, 39. 208

The case reported was that of a woman twenty years of age who was in the third month of pregnancy at the time of the first examination. Since the age of twelve the patient had had attacks of pain in the region of the left kidney during which an in-

crass in the sur of the kidney had been noted. At the time of the examination the kidneys were neither pulpable nor painful. On meteral catheten attoin and separation of the urine from the two kidneys the urine from the two kidneys the urine from the pight kidney was found to be normal in amount and concentration and that from the left kidney deficient. The phenolosal phosphitables it est showed practically no elimination on the left side and elimination of only 31 per cent on the right side. The urteroppelogram on the left side revealed a large hydrosephrona. Nephrec the obstruction of the read pelos with resulting hydrosephrona was discovered to be due to several abnormal read blood vessels.

As the elimination of phenologiphonphthalein by the remaining kidney was still below normal far per cent) intravenous pyelography was done. The pyelogram showed pton of the kidney, d. latation and kinking of the ureter, and hydronephrous Nephropexy was done and the ureter freed from the fibrous adhes.ons that bound it down No abnormal blood vessels were found. No unnary infection de veloped, and the pregnancy progressed normally The nations was kept under constant observation After delivery a streptococcus infection developed in the subcutaneous tissues in the abdominal wall This was drained It had no relation to the Lidney or penrenal tissues. Colon bacillus cystitis and pyelitis also developed and were treated by renal lavage The patient made a good recovery excretion of phenolsulphonphthalein increased to at per cent and the pyelogram showed a marked diminution of the dilatation of the pelves and calsees. The patient has now been well for a year

The authors state that in this case the hydronephrens was evidently congenia on both sace, but on one side was due to abnormal blood vessels obstructing the pelies of a kidney which was no normal position and had an intact urefer; and on the other side was due to ectops of the kidney and ureteral abnormalities. They rell attention to the value of the phonosliphosphitablein test in indicating a lesion of the right kidney which was not undicated by chemical analysis of the separate tumes.

There was undoubtedly grave danger of the development of pretix and py clonephritis in this case especially during pregnancy. Operation to relieve the urnary obstruction was indicated demnity, but the pregnance was not interrupted by the operations, and the danger of urnary infection was greatly reduced. When infection developed after deheety at could be successfulful treated by prive lavage. The results clearly show the value of exphotopery in cases of pious and by discaphronia. Mary 31 Maryes, we will be successful the case of pious and by discaphronia. Mary 31 Maryes, and the days of the control of the control

Brandis ton Cicatriciat Nephralgia (Nephralgia cicatrica) Zentral J Chir tog pp 461 674 Cicatricial nephralgia painful cicatrization of the capsule of the kidney was first described by Roysing

the unc acid diathesis has also been suggested (you Illyes) Involvement of the sympathetic nervous system is necessary for the development of the condition In the renal cap ale there are two nervous systems belonging to the sympathetic system Some of the nerves have a vasomotor func tion whereas others surround the entire kidney in a fine retwo k (nervi propru) When as the result of marked concestion of the organ, the cansule becomes tense the latter become irritated and set up activity of the vasoconstrictors which shuts off the ingress of As these nerves also transmit sensory atimula they are of importance in the development of pain. It is especially in persons with a highly sen itte sympathetic system usually hypersensitive females that the kidneys respond to irritation with painful vascular apaams. Only in such persons does such a stimulus arise from a scar in the renal caosule This does not occur in a normal organism Cicatricial nephralgia is characterized by uni lateral dull or colicky pain. The urine is negative except possibly for isolated erythrocytes Renal function is normal and the prelogram is negative The Rehn test is always negative. It is impossible to draw conclusions regarding the mobility of the kidney from roentgen examination with the patient in either the upright or recumbent poution as ac cord. "g to Bors the mobility of the kidney is affected only when coentrization has occurred also in the Perirebal fatty tissue, and such extensive cicatrices are not found in cicatricial nephralgia. The bound aries between the latter condition and the par enchymatous disease known as hephritis dolorosa

On histological study Grossmann found all stages of

inflammation The renal parenchyma is normal

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angina A relationship of cicatricial pephralma to

removal of the nervi proprii in the capsule (RATHERE) LOCIS NEUWELT M D

Bothe A E Tissue Changes in Mixed Tumors of the kidney After Roentgen Therapy J Ural 1935 33 434

are not easily defined bischer states that in simple

capsular disease pain is produced only by congestion In parenchymatous disease there is pain with

simultaneous hemorrhage. The author reports two

cases In both cure was obtained by decapsulation

The beneficial effect of this operation is due to the

The laws governing cellular radionensistivity have been the subject of considerable study. The accumulated choical pathological and radiolysis alobservations concerning radiosensistivity have been found of great value in the treatment of differentipes of tumors. In teernit years core derable climical evidence of the radio-ensistivity of mired intuitives of the radio-ensistivity of mired funnoss of the kindre has been observed but there has been very little pathological investigation to determine the tissue changes occurring in these tumors

Stewart has defined radiosensitivity as that combination of circumstances inherent in a tumor or the host which permits marked or total local tumor regression under doses of irradiation sufficiently small to preserve the integrity of the tissues of the Although the mechanism of irradiation destruction is somewhat vague, there is considerable evidence that different cells show different degrees

of sensitivity to roentgen therapy

In a discussion of the radiosensitivity of tumor cells many general factors must be considered the patient is not in good general condition, the results of irradiation are poor. All investigators agree that anemia and cachevia impair the effect of the therapy. When the patient is undernourished, his condition is usually made worse by irradiation and the tumor remains unchanged The results of irradiation are poor also in the presence of active infection and of an over-production of secretion as mucin Indolent connective tissue due to successive inadequate treatments greatly increases resistance

In general, the irradiation of mixed tumors of the kidney has a definite destructive effect upon the embryonal connective tissue and not the epithehal cells Tumors of this type with an excessive predominance of epithelial cells will be affected very

little by irradiation

The embryonal sarcomatous cells of mixed tumors of the kidney are radiosensitive whereas the epithelial cells of such tumors are radioresistant When mixed tumors of the kidney are irradiated before they are removed surgically, they are usually reduced in size. The reduction following irradiation appears to be dependent upon the amount of embryonal sarcomatous tissue present Irradiation of the tumor does not completely destroy all the malignant cells Mixed tumors of the kidney should alnays be given sufficient pre-operative irradiation and should always be removed after irradiation Delay of operation results in subsequent growth and metastasis C. TRAVERS STEPITA, M D

Giuliani, G. M.: Hematuria from Cystic Ureteritis in Pregnancy (Ematuria da uretente cistica in gravidanza) Arch ital di urol , 1935, 12 463

The patient whose case is reported was a woman twenty-two years old who was married at the age of nineteen years. At the beginning of the fifth month of her first pregnancy she had profuse hematuria for about two weeks and throughout the rest of that pregnancy the urine was bloody at times for a few days During her second pregnancy she again had hematuria In her third pregnancy she came for treatment for hematuria in the fourth month

Roentgen examination with uroselectan showed the left side to be normal On the right side, excretion was delayed, the ureter was dilated throughout its course and its walls appeared to be rigid, the renal pelvis was slightly dilated, and the two superior . calyces and the inferior calyx were not injected The

hematuria was so copious that abortion was considered necessary. After the abortion the hematuria continued for four or five days Three weeks later the patient returned to the hospital The hematuria had stopped, but the urine still contained red cells. It was free from bacteria Ureteronephrectomy was performed Examination showed the kidney to be normal. The wall of the ureter was three times as thick as normal, and the ureteral lumen was enlarged The wall was infiltrated with round cells In the submucosa there were groups of cells that had assumed the appearance of lymphatic follicles (epithelial nests of Brunn) These had undergone degeneration at the center with the formation of cysts The arteries passing to the ureter were also involved in the colloid degeneration

Cases of cystic degeneration of the ureter occurring in the absence of pregnancy and not causing clinical symptoms have been reported. In the author's case the cystic ureteritis evidently preceded pregnancy as the patient had hematuria during her first pregnancy. However, there are factors in pregnancy which tend to cause hematuria in such cases. On account of the action of the hormones of the corpus luteum, the anterior lobe of the hypophysis, and the decidua there is a greater accumulation of blood in the genito-urinary tract. This accumulation may result in hemorrhage so severe as to cause death or to necessitate abortion followed by ureteronephrectomy

AUDREY GOSS MOPGAN, M D

### GENITAL ORGANS

Moore, R A.: The Morphology of the Small Prostatic Carcinoma. J Urol, 1935, 33 224

In 375 consecutive routine autopsies on adult males Moore found 52 clinically unrecognized small prostatic carcinomas in addition to 11 prostatic carcinomas that had been diagnosed before death He concludes that carcinoma of the prostate occurs more frequently with advancing age and in the ninth decade reaches an incidence of 29 per cent It is definitely associated with senile atrophy While it is predominantly a lesion of the posterior lobe, it may arise in any portion of the gland

Permeural lymphatic invasion in the capsule is one of the earliest changes, whereas invasion of the vesicles and distant lymphatic invasion occurs late

TRANK M COCHEMS, M.D.

Young, H. H.: Radical Cure of Carcinoma of the Prostate. Am J Surg, 1935, 28 32

The author describes his technique for the radical treatment of carcinoma of the prostate, supplementing his description with illustrations. The procedure consists of resection in one piece of the entire prostate with its capsule, the entire urethra with a portion of the membranous urethra, a cuff of the bladder, both seminal vesicles, and the ampulla of the yas

Young states that any very hard nodule or area of the prostate which is palpable through the wall of the return and is found on reentgen examination not to be a calculus should be approached by the perinast route for close inspection and from section. When the diagnosis of carsoning is doubtful after surgical exposure of the prostate tissue should after surgical exposure of the prostate tissue should be obtained from a suspicious size and a from section made immediately. If the lesson process to be being a sample perinast private consistency of the first of the first

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The semmona occurs most frequently in early and mature adult life, usually during the than for the fifth decades. In old age it is extremely rare Tumons occurring in childbood have a more embry onal character. The greater frequency of the semi norma in rature adult life the time of greatest function of the testicle indicates the relationship of the tumor to the spermatogene apparatus. The returned inguinal and abdominal testicle is in more returned inguinal and abdominal testicle is in more returned inguinal and abdominal testicle is in more returned in the spermatogene apparatus. The returned inguinal and abdominal testicle is in more returned and the tumor of the spermatogene and the sperma of the sperma

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The seminoma has its origin in the spermatogenic cells of the seminal tubules of the testicle. These possess tota potent differentiating ability. There fore from these cells just as from unfertilized ova tumors containing derivatives of all three germinal layers may arise. This explains why seminomas sometimes show areas of a chonomepatheliomatous or other character and chononepithehomas show areas of a purely semi-tomatous character. It inch cates that the seminomas are the most undiffer entiated ie the lowest form of the large group of the teratord sex gland tumors from which all the more highly differentiated forms of tumors may be derived. According to this theory the temmoria the true carcinoma of the testicle is of special sig nificance in the science of tumors as it shows that every specifically differentiated testicular tumor may develop from the simple spermatogenic cell This is evidenced also by the demonstration of a hormone function of the tumor In many cases of sem name the anterior pituitary reaction with the patients urine is positive. The amount of prolan excreted in the urine is increased decreases with recession of the tumor following \ ray irradiation or castral on and increases again with the formation of metre tases As the formation of prolan can be attributed only to the turnor cells and as only the specific spermatogenic testicular cells come into considera tion as hormone formers, the hormone reaction proves that the seminoma cells are true sperms togenic cell- Therefore in doubtful cases of testic ulas tumor a hormone test of the unne should be made to confirm the diagnosis. If the reaction is strongly positive the suspirion of a malignant testicular tumor is strengthened. As the most cer tain preliminary examination the author recom mends biodsy (Tonler) Harry A Saltyans M.D.

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of chononepithelioma in the male which the author reported in 1933 he found, as in the case reported in this article, other types of tissue of the testicular teratoma in addition to chorionepithelioma in the retroperitoneal lymph glands. Apparently in such cases there is an early displacement of undifferentiated toti-potent cells which permits the development of all three germinal layers in the lymph-node tissues. In the lungs, pure chorionepithelioma is nearly always found because, as has been demonstrated, this usually breaks into the inferior vena cava from the retroperitoneal nodes. Liver metastases therefore sometimes occur and portions of the tumor enter the heart through the vena cava.

(R MEYER) LEO A JUHNKE, M D.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Tarozzi, G., and Gardini, G.: Anatomical Studies of the Hypogastric Ganglial Apparatus of the Small Pelvis in the Infant and the Embryo, With Special Consideration of Its Relation to the Genito-Urinary Tract (Osservazioni anatomiche sull'apparato ganghare ipogastrico del piccolo bacino nel bambino e nella vita genito-urnarie) Arch ital di urol, 1934, 11 55

The studies reported were made by serial section in the cases of newborn infants and two embryos three months old. They demonstrated the constant presence of a ganglial complex consisting of a considerable number of small ganglia which corresponded to the hypogastric ganglion of Letarget.

In the female, this ganglial complex is situated lateral to the uterine cervix and vaginal fornix. It has been incorrectly called the Lee-Franckenhauser ganglon. In the male, it is situated at the level of, and lateral to, the seminal vesicles, extends between the vesicles and the bladder, and below surrounds the prostate, forming the periprostatic ganglia.

In the embryo about three months of age, it is completely developed and its anatomical relationships to the gental organs are distinctly evident. The authors attempted to prove the theory, maintained chiefly by Camus, that the sympathetic and central nervous systems have separate origins

On the basis of their anatomical studies and the behavior of the described ganglial apparatus in two cases of congenital ureteral stenosis, the authors distinguish in this ganglial complex a small anterior group of very small ganglia presumably having a relationship to vesicle function and a posterior and more conspicuous group probably related to the function of the genital organs. They advise preservation of these ganglia whenever possible in gynecological operations, especially hysterectomies

PETER A ROSI, M D

Hryntschak, T.: Experimental Researches on the Origin of Urinary Calculı (Experimentelle Untersuchungen zur Harnsteinentstehung) Zischr furol Chir, 1935, 40 211

The main portion of this article describes experiments on rabbits in which moderate retention of

urine by one kidney was produced and bacteria of various types were then injected intravenously over a considerable period of time. In a smaller series of experiments which were carried out on dogs virulent coccus cultures were inoculated into the dental pulp by the method of Rosenow and Meisser. In a second series of experiments on rabbits, parathyroid hormone was administered with or without simultaneous injections of staphylococci. Finally, microscopic examinations were made of a large number of stones from human kidneys after they had been prepared by dissolving away the inorganic substance, embedded in paraffin, and sectioned Two stones which formed in the bladders of rats fed on a diet free from Vitamin A were subsected to similar examination.

In the experiments on rabbits in which the establishment of moderate retention in one kidney was followed by the intravenous injection of the staphyloccus albus the author succeeded in producing renal gravel in So per cent of the animals In a few instances small calculi were also found. In analogous experiments with the colon bacillus, bacillus lactis-aerogenes, and bacillus proteus, there was no gravel formation. Microscopic examination of the renal gravel and of serial sections made of the small stones after they had been more or less completely freed of inorganic substance revealed that the smallest formed elements consisted of rounded bodies with a concentric stratification like that of an onion and a dark nucleus in the center. Hryntschak named these basic elements of the stone structure "primary corpuscles" Larger particles, which he calls "spheroliths," were formed by apposition or fusion of these corpuscles or by the direct concentric superposition of new laminæ The colloid framework left behind after removal of the inorganic substance showed the same onion-peel structure larger corpuscles showed garland-like edges. macroscopically visible stones the size of a peppercorn and larger consisted of concentric layers in which primary corpuscles or spheroliths were deposited Whereas no cocci were demonstrable in one of the small stones, they were present in large numbers in two others

The stones from human kidneys studied were two urate, two oxalate, and eight phosphate stones. Of the phosphate stones, seven showed large numbers of cocci whereas one contained no bacteria. The microscopic pictures of these stones resembled very closely those of the stones produced experimentally in rabbits. In the case of the oxalate stones, the similarity was not nearly so pronounced, but in these stones also minute, round structures were found to be the basic elements of the stone formation.

In discussing the origin of the primary corpuscles, the author suggests that they are formed by the saturation of extremely small "drops" of a colloidal or albumin-like substance with urinary salts, that a precipitation of certain colloid substances in combination with electrolytes occurs. This theory will

explain the alypical crystal form and also the sequence of strata one of which is always inch in electrolytes and poor in protein while the next is poor in electrolytes and rich in protein. It is probable that the protein substances are not normal but defaulted changed protein substances (colloids that are foreign to the unine) and it appears that in the formation of infiriumatory calculus staphylococcuplay a role in the change. The simultaneous in fluence of these micro-organisms on the chemical character of the unine meets the second requirement of the formation of inflammatory stones and exformation of the great majority of inflammatory of the great majority of inflammatory of the supports of those in the second property of inflammatory of the supports of the great majority of inflammatory stones.

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# SURGERY OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS

CONDITIONS OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS, ETC.

Smith, L. A.: Xanthomatosis Involving Bone (Lipoid Histiocytosis). Case Reports and Roentgen Findings. Radiology, 1935, 24: 521.

Smith reports the histories and roentgen findings in two cases of Schueller-Christian disease and one case of metastatic hypernephroma with xanthomatous changes. He then discusses the classification, roentgen findings, differential diagnosis, and irradiation therapy of the various xanthomatous lesions affecting bone and reviews the literature on these conditions

He states that Schueller-Christian disease occurs more frequently in males than in females symptoms begin most often in the first decade of life Their onset is insidious. In many cases the disease is manifested first by a tumefaction of rather soft consistency which may or may not be tender to The clinical symptoms depend almost exclusively on the anatomical parts affected Thus, two of the components of Christian's triad-defects in membranous bones, exophthalmos, and diabetes -are recognized as depending on involvement of the orbits and hypophysis In general, the subjective symptoms are strikingly slight as compared with the anatomical changes In many cases an acute infection or local trauma appears to have been the initiating factor.

The lesions occur much more frequently in the bones than in any other part of the body Lesions have been found in the skull in practically all cases, but have been discovered also in the bony pelvis, maxilla, mandible, ribs, vertebræ, humerus, and scapula (mentioned in order of decreasing frequency of involvement) The bone changes are usually those of absorption only. This is striking in degree and in the number of areas involved. Periosteal thickening is unusual. In the skull the defects are found usually in both the inner and outer plates They may be only from 2 to 3 cm in diameter, but often are much more extensive than the palpable swellings and may affect the entire base of the skull In the typical case they are multiple, causing the "moth-eaten" appearance noted by Christian

The course of the disease varies considerably The patient may die within the first year after the onset of the symptoms or survive as long as seventeen years, as in the first case observed by Schueller

Except the localized variety of essential xanthomatosis in all its forms treatment has yielded only palliative results. Aside from symptomatic treatment, surgical excision of localized lesions, irradiation of local or general areas of involvement, and restriction of the fat intake, there is no therapy which

seems directly helpful. However, spontaneous retrogression is frequent. Paul C Colonna, M D

Shelling, D. H., and Voshell, A. F.: Xanthomatosis Generalisata Ossium: Report of a Case Simulating Osteitis Fibrosa Cystica. Arch. Int. Med., 1935, 55-592.

The authors report a case of generalized xanthomatosis or lipoid granulomatosis of the bones in which the roentgenograms and the findings of biopsy strongly suggested osteitis fibrosa cystica (Recklinghausen's disease). The correct diagnosis was finally made on the basis of the presence of foam cells in some of the sections, the demonstration of lipoids by the staining of material freshly removed from the bones, and a normal calcium balance. The authors emphasize that before parathyroidectomy is attempted for supposed osteits fibrosa cystic complete studies of the metabolism of calcium and phosphorus should be made and biopsy material stained for lipoids

Important differences between Recklinghausen's disease and xanthomatosis ossium are summarized

as follows:

- r Pain. Absence of pain in the bones is infrequent in Recklinghausen's disease and common in xanthomatosis
- 2 Swelling of the bones Osteitis fibrosa cystica is generally characterized by thinning of the cortex, expansion and swelling of the affected area, and general osteoporosis In xanthomatosis ossium the swelling and expansion of the bone are usually slight or moderate and the osteoporosis is localized

3 Metastatic calcification Calcium deposits in the soft tissues and the formation of renal calculi

are more common in hyperparathyroidism

4 Hypercalcemia and hypophosphatemia. Absence of hypercalcemia usually speaks against the diagnosis of Recklinghausen's disease. In hyperparathyroidism, hypophosphatemia is fairly constant, whereas in vanthomatosis ossium the inorganic phosphorus of the serum is usually not reduced

5 Phosphatase In hyperparathyroidism the phosphatase of the plasma is increased to many times the normal In xanthomatosis it is normal or

only slightly increased

6 Cholesteremia Hypercholesteremia may be

present in xanthomatosis

7 Calcium and phosphorus metabolism In typical cases of osteits fibrosa cystica the constant withdrawal of calcium from the bones results in calciuma When the patient is placed on a low calcium diet the excretion of calcium in the urine usually exceeds many times the intake

8 Biopsy In Recklinghausen's disease the introduction of a curette into a cystic area meets with no resistance, whereas in xanthomatosis the areas which appear cyst like in the roentgenogram may offer resistance

9 Histological appearance As the Instological appearance of the bones in xanthomations ossum closely resembles that in esterits abrova the differ ential diagnoss between the two conditions requires the staining of bionsy material for broads.

to Course In most cases of osteitis fibrosa the condition does not improve spontaneously, whereas in xanthomatous ossum the disease process may become arrested without treatment by parathy

roidectomy

Yanthomatosis ossium must be differentiated also from Gaucher's disease and Nemann Pick disease. If recovery does not occur spontaneously high voltage toentigen therapy may be tried.

FLVEY J BERKERISPR M D

Sommer R Bone Injuries of the Elbow Due to Working with Compressed Air Drills (Duch Presidit gesetate Knochenschaedzungen des Ell bogens und abre Fritatehung) Beitr z kim Chir 1935 161 37

Injuries due to working with the compressed air drill are rare Of the 98 855 men working with com pressed air drills in Prussian mines up to the end of to 8 only 193 (about o 2 per cent) received com pensation for such injuries. In a sound joint the damage develops very slawly. The soint most often affected is the elbon. Involvement of the elbow is characterized by alonly increasing weakness of the arm a troublesome tremor of the hand pain like that of theumatism when the arm is at rest and limits tion of flerior and extension of the elbow due to an osseous obstruction. Although the initial phenomena consist of problerations of hone about the head of the radius, there is seldom any limitation of rotation of the hand. In general there is a notably slight correspondence between the chaical findings and the changes in the roentgenogram. The progress of the bone forming processes to the soint is slow

The shoulder and accommodavicular tomt are sel dom involved. Involvement of the wrist 10 at is also relatively uncommon. In the coentgenogram the head of the radius in the region of the elbow joint is the first to show damage. The first evidence of change is seen with particular clearness in the sound arm viz in severe damage of the right arm it is seen in the left elbow. At first there appear on the edge of the head of the radius usually on the side of the insertion of the biceps tendon a flattening and a drawing out into a sharp ridge. This spot corresponds to the portion of the head of the radius which is in intimate contact with the ulna in the superior radio-ulnar articulation. On the opposite side of the head of the radius there then develophyperostoses which appear like drops of fund hang ing from the normally shaped head At operation these proliferations are found to be flat bony ex crescences covered by a pannus like thase and prosecting over onto the cartifaginous surfaces. They sometimes may bread, of and become free bosium the joint. However the process is not no ore-chondratis dissecans as gross injury to the carding se entirely absent Corresponding to the angular erosaon of the bead of the radius there are a finit regularities in the upper radio-ulars articular arti

Vest to the head of the radius the coronoid process and the anterior and posterior surfaces of the bu merus just above the trochles seem to become in volved most frequently. The coronoid process appears drawn out Its point becomes highe shows an excrescence like prominence, and may become so long and curved that it forms a sort of bridge to the humerus above and then breaks loose These chances occur within the capsule of the joint or in the tea dinous tissue of the internal brachialis muscle which is inserted here. Corresponding to the changes in the caronaid proce s change soon occur in the de pretsion just above the trochles where the coronoid process is accommodated and at the site of attach ment of the capsule on the anterior side of the burnerus These can be seen in lateral roentgenograms The bony thickening which begins at these sites soon fills a portion of the upper part of the depression and extends forward in a nose like projection It is this thickening of the bone together with the increase in the size of the coronold process that causes the limitation of flexion of the joint The limitation of extension is due to bony thickenings in the olecranon lossa. In anteroposterior roentgenograms the electronon fossa appears no longer as a thin plate of hone but as a thick bony layer and occasionally casts a heavy shadow. Bony changes at the tip of the olegranon are rare and difficult to demonstrate. An extremely sensitive site is the maner border of the elbow total. The medial edge of the trochles early exhibits a sharp nose like projec tion At this site notches soon appear on the coges of the ulna or spots of lighter shadow in the trochles

where free joint bodies often have their origin. All of these bony changes occur at sites whe e bone and carrilage come together-parts whe e the joint is able to form new bone in response to irnta tion. Such sites are the edge of the head of the ra drus the borders of the trochles and the tip of the coronaid process In addition there is evidence of an erosion on the medial aspect of the head of the radius and the edge of the ulna. On the bases of the history the rheumatic pains and the toentgen dem onstration of osseous changes at the sites mentioned at is possible to state that these in uries in the elbow are produced by working with the compressed air drill Conjointly responsible for the development of the changes is the attitude of the worker while us of the drill The elbow joint is most exposed to the parring The effects of the recoil joiting of the ma chine are manifested in the parts of the joint where the bones are in direct contact with one another The changes are not those of arthrons deformans

as manifestations of regressive changes in the hones are rare and hyperostotic manifestations predominate. With years of exposure to the jolting effects of the compressed air drill the elbow joint manifests a physiological reaction at the points most exposed, the tissues responding by bony proliferation. The fact that not all workers are affected in the same way or to the same degree is explained by differences in the manner in which different workers manipulate the drills

(ERICH HEMPEL) JOHN W BRENNAN, M D.

Pease, C N.: Injuries to the Vertebræ and Intervertebral Disks Following Lumbar Puncture. Am J Dis Child, 1935, 49. 849

The author states that, in performing a spinal puncture, it is possible to introduce the needle so far that it penetrates the intervertebral disk or a vertebra. As the result of such penetration the intervertebral space may hecome narrowed hecause of a decrease in the pressure of the nucleus pulposus and the latter may prolapse into the body of the vertebra or into the needle. If infective material is introduced, changes may occur in the bone

ELVEN J BERKHEISER, M D

Sundt, H.: Vertebra Plana, Calvé. A Review and the Report of Two Cases (Vertebra plana, Calvé Eine Uebersicht und zwei kasuistische Mitteilungen) Acta chirurg Scand, 1935, 76. 501.

The author found the reports of twenty-one cases of Calvé's vertebra plana in the world literature up to the year 1935, but helieves that in some of them the diagnosis was doubtful Following a critical review of these cases, he reports a case which he had under observation for a year and cites a case reported by Bulow-Hansen and Heyerdahl which was followed up after eleven years

Of the nineteen patients whose sex was recorded, eleven were boys and eight were girls. In the great majority of the cases the condition occurred hefore the ninth year of age, most frequently before the fifth year.

The symptoms are those of spondylitis, but there is no abscess or sinus In four of the reviewed cases the condition began with acute abdominal pains

The diagnosis is made by roentgen examination The typical roentgen picture (reduction of a vertebral body to a planoparallel sclerotic disk only 1 or 2 mm high with preservation of the intervertebral cartilage) may develop in the course of a short time (several weeks), even if the patient is kept in a plaster jacket Complete restoration of the shape and structure of the vertebra has not yet been observed It seems probable that, at least in the great majority of cases, regeneration of the diseased vertebra takes place to only a very slight degree In the two cases under observation for the longest time (Panner's case, which has been under observation for eight years and Bulow-Hansen's case which has been under observation for eleven years) there has been no regeneration at all and the vertebræ adjoining

the flattened lamella-like vertebra have collapsed In Bulow-Hansen's case a good clinical result has heen obtained although complete capacity for work has not been restored Panner's patient is obliged to wear a corset.

Practically the only condition to he ruled out in the differential diagnosis is tuberculous spondylitis. The latter lesion is suggested by a more or less tapering intervertebral cartilage, an abscess shadow, and involvement of adjoining vertebræ. Against the presence of tuberculosis is pronounced regeneration of the diseased vertebra. The patient's age and the planoparallel flattening of the vertebra preclude the diagnosis of kyphosis juvenilis (Schuermann).

The condition is an osteochondritis similar to coxa plana and Koehler's disease of the foot.

The treatment indicated is the same as that for spondylitis At first a plaster jacket should he applied Later, the wearing of a corset may he advisable. The author's case shows that even rest in bed for a year cannot check the development of the disease Albee's operation has heen performed in one case, but in the author's opinion there is no reasonable indication for it

Mouchet, A.: Sacrolisthesis (Le sacrolisthésis). Rev. d'orthop, 1935, 42 97

By "sacrolisthesis" the author means the rather rare condition of the sacrolumbar region in which the sacrum lies anterior to the fifth lumhar vertebra By others this condition has heen called "retrospondylohisthesis" and "hierolisthesis" Two cases were reported in 1928 by Sicard In 1930, Waindruch and Korezky reported the case of a child eight years old In this case the condition was clearly congenital There was an ahnormal prominence in the lumbar region and on roentgen examination the fifth lumbar vertehra was found to be completely hehind the sacrum and somewhat helow the upper sacral margin. The body of the fifth lumhar vertehra was hemispherical

Mouchet reports three cases The first was that of a man thirty years of age who injured the lower part of his back in a fall A year later he experienced a violent pain in the loins on lifting a weight, and for more than a year thereafter had suffered more or less pain in that region Examination disclosed a pronounced lumhosacral (not lumbar) lordosis Motion in the spine was normal The upper part of the sacrum was tender to pressure exerted externally and through the rectum There was a slight scoliosis to the left in the thoracolumnar region and to the right higher up In the upper part of the sacrum the anteroposterior roentgenogram disclosed a large opacity shaped like a French policeman's hat The lateral roentgenogram showed that the sacrum was subluxated forward under the fifth lumbar vertebra and that its superior border made an angle of about 130 degrees with the horizontal. The fifth lumbar vertebra was horizontal, its lower horder making an angle of about 45 degrees with the upper border of the sacrum

The two other cases reported were similar Ar throdesis by bone grafting was advised but not accepted. In one case the pain was definitely alleviated by irradiation therapy

WILLIAM ARTHUR CLARK, M D.

Shore L R Polyspondylitis Marginalis Osteo phytica Beil J Surg 1935 21 8.0

The author has given the name polyspondyhtis marginalis osteophytica" to the chronic disease of the vertebral column referred to by others as spon dylitis deformans, spondylosis or osten arthri tis of the spine '

He states that the marginal osteophytes which occur are not related to the attachment of muscles or tendons and arise at a position on the vertebral body which is quite constant. They are separated from the flat surface of the vertebral bodies by grooves which mark the outer edge of the combises These grooves receive the sheaths of the inter vertebral disks. The osteophytes arise in the short deen ligaments that connect the vertebral bodies They therefore he between the intervertebral disks and the superficial fibrou system which envelops the whole series of vertebral bodies and includes the antenor and posterior common ligaments

A graphic presentation of the distribution of osteophyte bearing vertebra shows a three waved curve with three areas of grammum incidence and three of minimum incidence. The sites of minimal incidence are at the antichnal vertebra through which a plumb line would fall in the erect positron of the body. These vertebrae are supposed to be balanced and therefore to have a numinal tendency

to slide or rotate It is suggested that ossification is the result of strain put upon the short deep intervertebral liga ments when the nuclei pulposi of the intervertebral disks lose their normal turned elasticity. Loss of turgescence in the nuclei pulpou permits the inter vertebral disks to bulge and the vertebræ to also or rotate upon their neighbors. Any of these changes strain amon the deep intervertebral light ments. The changes that end in the production of osteophytes are thought to begin in degeneration of the nuclei of the intervertebral di Ls This degen eration may be brought about by trauma tover weighting) natural sende change and perhaps the invission of toxins NORMAN C. BELLOCK, M.D.

Shore L R On Osteo Arthritis in the Dorsal Intervertebral Joints Bry J Surg 1935 22 Bit

This article describes the occurrence of asteo-arth ritis in the synovial joints of the human vertebral column and offers speculations on the circumstances which cause certain regions of the vertebral column to be more prone to develop the disease than othe a

The synovial joints of the vertebral column are those made by the thoracic intervertebral joints the ribs and the costocentral costotransverse occupitaatloid and anterior atlanto axold joints. The author descusses osteo arthritis of the thoract intercente-

best toute The material on which Shore's ob ervations are based consisted of dried macerated bones obtained

from vertebral column, assembled for ana omnal o anthropological research No clinical notes were available Because of the nature of the material only mechanical factors are considered to the discussion of the cause of osteo-arthritis. The i a s regarded as involved by osteo arthritis were those

presenting peripheral osteophytes

In the discussion of the pathological anatomy of osteo arthritis three stages of development are de scribed In the first stage the disease is indicated only by a france of osteophytes around the normal contact area. In the second it is represented by a zone of porous hone which senarates the o mail contact area from a peripheral fringe of osteoph, tes In the third all traces of the original contact area are lost and the surfa e may be grooved polished

and greatly deformed The di tribution of osteo-arthritis in the thoracie intervertebral joints which the author presents graphically shows three main ones of maximum incidence-a lumbo-thoracic a cervicothoracic and a cervical-which are separated by zones of minimal incidence at the joints between the seventh and minth thoracic vertebrie and at the local between the sixth and seventh cervical vertebrar. The upo t thoracic beak occurs at the joint between the fourth and fifth thoracic verteb a, the cervicothoracic peak at the cervicothoracic junction and the lumbo thoracic beak between the second and third lumbar

vertebræ The lumbothoracic peak is attributed to weight bearing by the joints of the dorsiflexed lumbar column and absorption of the lower thorace verte

bræ into the lumbar curve as lordosis is established The cervicothorac c peak is mainly the result of use of the upper limbs with tran fe ence of dorsi flexion from the limbs to the thoracic skeleton and associated action of the erector spinge muscle. This peak presents the following two peaks of increased

merdence r An upper thoracic peak at the joint between the fourth and fifth thoranc vertebra It is sug gested that this is due to accentuation with the on set of fordosis and Lyphosis of the doruflexion which

is a normal feature of inspiration

2 A correcthoracic peak at the cervicotheracic junction It is suggested that this i due to the strong utge to seep the head upright in spite of kyphotic changes in the thorax In marked de formity of the spine by Lyphosis the head and ne k are niten borne upright in spite of great pos ural difficulties

The cervical peak is probably due to veight bear ing in joints of the already dorsifiered cervical vertebsæ

The author devotes some pace to a description of n teo arthritis in the anterior allanto-axoid joint He found such involvement in about one third of

curette the medulla in acute cases Dramage by gause and treatment by the Carrel Dalan method have been employed extensively. Directly opposed to such method is the procedure originated by Original Control of the Case of th

In chronic osteomyelitis vaccines, chemotherapy, helicitary, quartz light treatment and vitamins are employed as adjuvants to operative treatment Radical intervention for the removal of sequestra is unavoidable. Complete cleaning out of the ne crotic bone may be followed by the Ore procedure.

just as in acute cases

The Orr method is based on four principles origi pally advanced by Hunter Lister Hilton and Thomas (z) antiserists to reduce the infection to a focus (1) adequate drainage (3) a dressing to protect the wound from centation and from secondary infection from without and (a) immebilization to prevent muscle spasm and pain and marntain ontimum conditions for natural healing. It consists in making a wide incision taking out a generous piece of cortex with the motor san or chisel cleaning out the abscess cavity with avoidance of unnecessary trauma swabbing with 3 5 per cent sodine washing with 70 per cent alcohol packing with vaseline gaule covering with a dry dressing and applying a plaster cast I hen the vaseline gauze tampon is removed after several weeks the wound is found granulated the cortical opening is somewhat nar rowed and the borders of the incision show a new growth of epithelium. A new vaseline gauze pack is then introduced and a new cast applied

Five of the author's cases are reported Case t A boy seventeen years of age developed acute osteomy elitis of the upper end of the humerus after cut on a finger. The upper arm was extremely swollen and presented several draining sumses There was a pathological fracture of the humerus The general condition was alarming Drainage was improved by several new incisions and seven weeks later the Orr treatment and sequestrectomy were carried out. After this treatment the general condu tion rapidly improved and after about eight weeks the esteemy chitis appeared to be cured. The final results after twenty seven weeks were ankylosis of the shoulder flexion of the elbow to ,o degrees ex tension of the elbow to 100 degrees, and fair function of the hand

Case 2 A boy fourteen years old presented swelling of the arm due to acute osteomy elius centering at the elbow. Meet inci ion for drainage and about nine weeks of almost daily dressing the Ort method was employed. Several sequestra were removed.

The packing was changed after three and a half weeks when pus was leaking out at the end of the cast. At the end of about eight weeks the wound was found to be well granulated and the bone less on practically cured. The wrist was ankylosed but otherwise the function of the arm was road.

Gase, The patient was a low two sours of age who presented a leason of the carpal and netecting bones. The Orr treatment was a safer other methods had failed. The child was an a safer other tous condition. The destruction of the carpas has quite advanced and several small sequetts care out with the drainage. Mer about four months of the Orr treatment executation was well advanced.

Case 4. The patient was a boy ten pers of are who was suffering from acute cateomy either soft that accompanied by fewer which reached 39 % great. Three days after the Orr treatment was statted the temperature came down to §8 digress C and thereafter showed no further rise. De casing the contraction of the contraction of the contraction of the contraction of the contraction was completely careful in their tao months.

Case & The patient was a boy fourteen years of age with ostcomyelitis of the tibia which tan a course similar to that in Case 4 Cure was effected in about a month

In Cases a and 5 the gauze was at first not pushed out readily by the granulations because the amount of vaseline in the gauze was insufficient. A more liberal amount of vaseline was therefore used

In summarizing the author makes the following statements

The localization must be determined accurately

- Intervention must be immediate
- 3 Respect the healthy part of the bone
- 4 Use an Famarch tourmquet
  5 The application of todine is unnecessary
- 6 For drainage use gauze impregnated with a large amount of vaseline 7 The dressing should be slightly compressed by
- the plaster cast
  8 Sensitive skins should be protected with zince
- outment
  9 The plaster cast should extend beyond the
  joints on either side of the lesions and should be well
- moulded without too much padd ag to The only tudication for early change of the dressings is a rise in the temperature
- It is best to leave the cast in place for some
- time after apparent cure of the lesion
  as Do not begin massage and motion too soon.
- 13 In cases operated upon early there is no tend ency toward the formation of sequestra William Armer Clark, M.D.

Zur Verth M Amoutation of the Lower Extremity

Zur lerth M. Amputation of the Lower Extremely and Artificial Limbs (Absetzung und Auns ensur der unteren Gliedmassen) Ergebs & Chir 1914 ay 191

In his introductory remarks the author cites the great number of persons who have undergone em

compensation on the basis of the length of the stump leads to false conclusions. In the evaluation of earning power it is necessary to con ider not only the function of the injured himb but also how much the earning capacity can be increased by a pres

thesis The author next discusses prostheses for the lower hmb He states that the patient usually regards the artificial limb first as a means of restoring the external semblance of a complete body. He therefore demands that the prosthests have the appearance of the lost part. However restoration of function is especially urgent when the loner extremety has been amputated After amputation of the hand or arm it to somewhat less important. Hence in the case of the lower extremity the indication for guaranteeing an artificial limb is absolute while in the case of the upper extremity it is relative. The number of artificial arms that are unused is very large. The author reviews briefly legal decisions on the guaran teeing of artificial limbs which differ with the

diffe ent kinds of insurance

The next part of the article deals with the ques tion as to when the nationt should first he supplied with an artificial limb--whether the hmal artificial leg should be ordered immediately or after a provi ional leg has been used for a while. The author believes that the permanent artificial leg should be fitted as soon as possible. A long wait to allow the ti sues to shrink before measuring for the prosthesis in order to render future alterations of the cup un necessary he considers an error as most changes in the stump (with atrophy of its musculature or hyper trophy of other muscle groups used for movement af the stump) do not take place until after the artificial himb has been worn. Moreover the change from the interim leg to the final artificial leg requires another series of re adaptations which sometimes make too great demands upon the patient. To solve the problem the author suggests measuring the patient for the artificial leg and during the time that the leg is being made which is usually several weeks sup plying him with a peg or wooden leg of the sim pleat sort such as can be easily made in any hospital a sheath of plaster with a wooden per tipped with hard rubber or an iron walking splint)

The next part of the article deals with the mana facture of artificial limbs. The author states that this work has passed out of the hands of the physi cian being carried on in the norkshops of masters of plastic art. The products of this artistic c eation must pass tests based on general principles. The art of making prostheses requires a scientific founda tion It is necessary to present the basic faws to master mechanics in an easily uniters andable form The author discusses the development of these laws and the measures by which they are applied in the

making of artificial legs

He next discusses the most satisfactory artificial limbs He states that the leather splint leg belongs essentiall) to the past In general the artificial leg of choice is the wooden leg constructed according to the laws of statics but when the light metal tech mique is well known in the workshop a light metal limb is to be preferred for the thigh stump. For the lower leg stump the wooden leg is the most sausfactory

The next section of the art cle deals with vara s types and special modes of construction of artificial

In conclusion the author empha izes again that the making of artificial limbs has become a science He believes that there should be a center for the construction of prostheses and for research and in struction to rehabilitate persons who have lost a limb by amputation

(ZILLMER) FLORENCE ANNAN CARPENTER.

Malatkoff A G The Source of Pain in Amouta tion Stumps in Relation to the Rational Treatment J Bone & Joint Surg 1035 17 410

The modern treatment of pain in amountation stumps is ba ed chiefly on the theories regarding amoutation neuromas and ascending neurit s The author believes the pain is due primarily to involvement of terminal branches of special pain-conduct ing cutaneous nerves included in the scar and only secondarily to neuromas of the large nerve trunks lie bases this opinion on observations made in eleven chaical cases in which section of only the cutaneous nerves was dune

There are two distinct to pes of painful amputation stumps One is characterized by pain referred to the absent limb and the other, by pain which is purely local Proper treatment requires a thorough knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of the cutaneous nervous system and careful prelim early

examination of the amputation scar In cases of pain radiating toward the inner part of the foot and associated with tenderness of the medial part of the scat division of the ob . ater nerve near its exit from the foramen obturatum has been successful. When the pain radiates toward the outer part of the foot and there is local tenderness of the outer part of the scar, satisfactory resul a have been obtained by sectioning the cutaneus femons laterales just below the anterosuperior spine of the thum. In cases of pain irradiating toward the ante mor part of the thigh and knee with corresponding points of tenderne s in the scar additional section of the lumbo ingutaal nerve below Poupart's figs ment has proved helpful. In the upper extremities section of the cutaneus antibrachii lateralis has been successful in relieving pain localized in the first three fingers and the corresponding volar surfaces

nt the tands In case of high amputation these p ocedures are usually of no value. The conductors of pain in the upper third of the thigh and arm have not yet been determined

The author believes that a trial of the more conserv ative measures he describes is justified because of the frequent failure of radical procedures

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Zadek, I: Transverse-Wedge Arthrodesis for the Relief of Pain in Rigid Flat-Foot. J. Bone & Joint Surg, 1935, 17 453

Flat-foot is classified as flaccid, spastic, or rigid Flaccid flat-foot may be corrected by re-education of the muscles of the foot to obtain proper balance, supplemented sometimes by a support Spastic flat-foot must first be reduced to the flaccid type by baking and massage or by strapping with adhesive plaster or a plaster-of Paris-bandage After this has been done, the treatment indicated is the same as that for the originally flaccid type of flat-foot

This article deals particularly with treatment of rigid flat-foot which has lasted so long that it presents marked resistance to correction. Patients with rigid flat-foot give a history of great pain and disability over a long period of time. The author reviews the various forms of treatment that have been advocated. Stretching under anesthesia has been the method of choice, but the frequent necessity for repetition of this treatment proves its inadequacy.

Zadek presents an operation for relief of pain which is based on the belief that strain and stability in the rigid flat-foot are closely related to the joint between the astragalus and the os calcis A 21/2-in incision is made in the line of the tibialis posticus, beginning posterior to the astragaloscaphoid joint, and the soft tissues are retracted to expose the astragaloscaphoid joint. A transverse wedge of bone, which must include the joint and will, of necessity, consist of several pieces, is removed with its base, 36 in wide, presenting on the medial aspect of the foot Care must be taken to prevent inversion of the os calcis in its fusion with the astragalus as this may result in a painful foot A plaster-of-Paris bandage is applied with the foot at right angles, the heel apparently slightly inverted, and the forefoot down

Four weeks after the operation the cast is removed, a walking cast is applied, and weight-bearing is encouraged. At the end of eight weeks the second cast is removed, Whitman plates are applied, and baking and massage are instituted.

Of eight feet operated upon in this manner three or four years ago, the pain was relieved in all

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## FRACTURES AND DISLOCATIONS

Schnek, F. G: The Conservative Treatment of Total Dislocation of the Lunate Bone (Die konservative Behandlung der Totalluxation des Oslunatum) Beitr: klin Chir., 1935, 161-129

According to De Quervain, the common dislocation-fracture of the wrist consists of a perilunar dorsal dislocation of the hand and an intra-articular fracture of the navicular bone. When the force is very severe the lunate bone and the attached fragment of the navicular bone may be completely dislocated toward the volar side and come to lie between the soft parts. The author suggests describing this injury as "total dislocation of the lunate bone with

partial dislocation of the fractured navicular bone." Clinical examination discloses shortening and an increase in the dorsovolar diameter of the wrist. Both bones can be felt on the flexor side. As a rule there are no disturbances of the median nerve

In most of the cases reported the dislocated bones were extirpated as it was believed that the dislocated lunate bone would become softened and a pseudarthrosis would develop in the navicular bone. However, malacia of the lunate bone has never been observed. The volar ligaments containing the nutritive vessels of these bones always remain intact. Pseudarthrosis of the navicular bone will not occur if reduction is effected immediately. When fixation is continued for from eight to twenty weeks, bony union nearly always results.

The author describes the technique of reduction As a rule simple longitudinal traction, in which the bones are pushed back by the stretched flexor tendons, is sufficient Sommer's claim that this method will fail in cases in which the lunate bone slips up under the skin between the flevor tendons is refuted by the author by the statement that although the bones may be felt under the skin they always remain within the sac of the tendon sheaths. The possibility of non-operative reduction of total dislocation has been proved by roentgen examination For cases in which the injury is not recent, Schnek prefers operative reduction to extirpation as even those who advocate the latter procedure admit that disturbances of movement and arthritis deformans result from lack of adaptation of joint surfaces

Fracture of the navicular bone and perilunar dislocation are frequent especially in the constitutional anomaly of the radius called "console radius" In this anomaly the distal articular surface of the radius is bent in a more radial direction and somewhat displaced Progressive changes lead to Madelung's deformity. (RATHEKE) WILLIAM C BECK, M D

Stimson, B. B., and Swenson, P. C: Unilateral Subluxations of the Cervical Vertebræ Without Associated Fracture. J. Am M Ass., 1035, 104 1578

The authors review a series of sixty-six cases of unilateral subluxation of the cervical vertebræ without associated fracture. Fifty-two of the patients came for treatment within twenty-four hours after the onset of symptoms.

The initial trauma is very slight and is apt to occur when the muscles are off guard. In the typical case the patient is a relatively young adult who comes for treatment for stiffness and pain in the neck within twenty-four hours after a mild twist or jerk of the head. He holds his head tilted to one side and is unable to bend it to the opposite side.

In discussing the differential diagnosis the author emphasizes the need for accurate stereoscopic roent-genograms in both lateral and anteroposterior positions

The treatment indicated is reduction by head traction or manipulation with some form of im-

mobilization depending upon the length of time that has elapsed since the injury and the difficulty of the reduction

Five recurrences are reported. The article contains roentgenograms

Pomeranz M M and Sloane M F Slipping of the Proximal Lemoral Epiphysis The Thera peutic Results in 181 Cases Arch Surg 1935 30 507

Supping of the proximal femoral emphysis has been much discussed in the literature but in the main, more from the point of view of diagno is and ctiology than that of treatment. The authors report the findings of a study to determine the end results in cases treated by various accepted methods and observed over a period of years. They present a review of the literature with an attempt to classify the results according to the procedures employed They believe that the value of radical surgical methods has been unfortunately and unseccessarily overemphasized The records in the hierature show that good results were obtained in approximately so per cent of all cases regardless of whether radical or conservative treatment was used. In some of the eases in which the results were reported as end results the follow up period was too short to permit an accurate e timation of the success of the treat My interpretation of mentgenograms was common

The authors report the results obtained in for cases treated in the Orthopedic Department of the Hospital for Joint Diseases New York These in cluded only case in which the records were complete and satisfactory and rountgenograms showing the original condition and the end result were avail able. The lesions are divided into the following types. (1) slight slipping (2) marked slipping (2) acute traumatic (b) chronic (s) union in malposition and (4) old cases The authors give a detailed report of the results obtained under con ervative and under operative treatment companing separately those obtained in the cases of slight slipping and those obtained in the cases of marked shoping. In pre slipping cases conservative treatment was employed. This consisted of manipulation immobilization in a cast impaction with a Cotton mallet traction or rest Manipulation was used in by far the largest group Satisfactory reposition was obtained in more than so per cent, and there were no poor results. The authors believe that in many cases rest alone will accomplish a great deal as in cases of bilateral shipping good results were obtained on the untreated side after prolonged rest

Of the cases of marked slipping are alignment occurred in only 5 in all of the latter the slipping was of the acute type. In the cases of chrome slip ping the condition was unaffected except when it was made worse. The authors are of the opinion that cases of marked chrome all ping radiual fraction is worthle to Drilling was employed only in cases of alight slipping. The authors believe at should be

used both conservation. In the cases in which operative treatment was used which included movid the cases of marked slipping reconstruction or alignment, or wedge resection was done. The results of all treatments are presented in tables. The authors findings and conclusions are summanized as follows:

5 In the majority of very early cases believed occase best under treatment by immobilization or rest without mampulation. Repeated efforts to educe the deformity as evidenced by a multiplicity of corrective maneuvers appear to agravate the structural judging from comparable cases no record it is impossible to escape the impression that in better fifte praticular had been supposed to better fifte praticular had been fift entirely alone.

2 In a few cases of bilateral slipping the univerted side healed as well as the treated side or the side treated conservatively healed as well as the side treated radically.

treated radically
3 In the cases in which manipulation and operation were employed the end result was only too frequently worse than the original diformity

4 In many cases manupulation failed to realing the femoral head and aggressated the deforms y Maripulation appears to be unwarranted in cases of slight shipping and meffectual in cases of active traumatic slipping. Stiffness of the joint may occur even when manupulation has been employed.

5 In the early and moderately advanced costs impaction by the Colton malite appears to be a sale non operative method to histen o incation through the epiphyseal line and arrest the deformity. The functional results are usually good. However the method appear to be contrajudicated in the saile traumatic cases with displacement of the explains.

of In cases of slight slipping operation by drilling was employed with good functional results and the occurrence of premature ossification through the or private line

7 In eases of chronic marked slipping the subtrochanteric osteotomy represents the totality of effective and permissible procedures to correct the deformity.

8 In cases of so called re alignment of the epiphy sis by operation the political of the allegedly re aligned head often remained exactly as it was before operation

6 Even if anatomical restitution is satisfactory complete redislocation of the epiphysis may occur if

the period of immobilization: short

20 Reconstruction operations may result in in
fertion necro: of the remaining head and fixation
of the joint. They appear to be the least desirable

of all procedures. It may be no tulated eatern cally
that the more reducal the su grad procedure the
more the end results
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results extensive changes occur in the con our of the

femoral head and joint within five years

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Bruecke, II. von: Fractures of the Femur (Ueber Oberschenkelbrueche) Deutsche Zischr. f. Chir., 1935, 244 495

The author reviews 327 cases of fracture of the femur which were treated in the Accident Station of the von Eiselsberg Clinic in the period from 1922 to 1931. These included only cases of pertrochanteric fracture helow the lesser trochanter, shaft fractures, and T and Y fractures at the lower end of the femur. Fractures of only 1 condyle, fractures of the greater and lesser trochanter due to muscle pull, and fractures of the neck of the femur are not considered. Twenty-five per cent of the patients were children

In the first year of life transverse fractures are most common because the structure of the bone has not yet been changed by function Between the first and fifth years the greater number of fractures are oblique Later, supracondylar fractures, which are typical in childhood, become more common

In the cases reviewed there were 20 pertrochanteric fractures, 43 subtrochanteric fractures, 231 shaft fractures, 17 supracondylar fractures, 13 diacondylar T or Y fractures, and 3 separations of the epiphysis of the distal extremity of the femur

The pertrochanteric fracture is a very characteristic form which is usually produced by force against the outer hip region. Frequently, in this fracture, the lesser trochanter is torn off in a wedge shape

Ninety of the reviewed fractures were caused by a fall on even ground, 62 by direct violence, 58 by traffic accidents, 40 by falls from a small height (stairs), 30 by falls through windows, 20 by winter sports, and 4 by gunshot injuries. Fourteen were spontaneous fractures and 12 per cent were due to disease processes (tabes, bone cysts, carcinoma, Paget's osteitis deformans, generalized osteitis fibrosa with a parathyroid adenoma [12 cases], rickets, osteomyelitis, hemophilia, osteogenesis imperfecta, hypernephroma metastases). Seventeen of the 36 fractures due to disease processes were transverse fractures occurring below the lesser trochanter, the most common site of fracture in tabes and Paget's disease. In tabes the surgeon should beware of evuberant callus Fractures through cancerous bone frequently heal. In cases of osteris fibrosa the possibility of a parathyroid tumor should be considered. In 1 of the cases of this condition reviewed by the author death resulted because such a tumor was missed In the other, the operative removal of a parathyroid adenoma by Gold was followed by the healing of previously resistant pseudarthroses in both femora. In rickets and osteogenesis imperfecta, fractures heal rapidly, but because of the softness of the callus they must be immobilized a long time. In cases of bone cysts, fractures sometimes do not heal until after curettage and the application of a pedicled periosteal flap (Oppolzer)

The con Eiselsberg Clinic opposes open reduction, especially in the cases of children. Of the fractures reviewed, only 25 per cent were operated upon. Since 1029, operation has been done in only 1 case.

There were only 2 pseudarthroses followed by good results. The author states that the interposition of muscle and soft parts does not play the role that is commonly ascribed to it. Von Eiselsherg and Schlossbauer unconditionally demand manual reposition with rotary movements continued until the bone ends are felt rubbing against each other It is believed at the von Eiselsherg Clinic that in compound fractures osteosynthesis is injurious because of the increased danger of infection. Primary plaster splinting is being given up chiefly because it does not always hold the fragments in the correct position and it injures the knee joint Extension and semiflexion are the methods of choice As the chief essential is alignment of the distal fragment with the proximal fragment, the Zuppinger semiflexion should not he used routinely, particularly in fractures of the upper third of the femur The author describes the von Eiselsberg splint in which the upper and lower leg portions can be fastened together at any desired angle and the length of the femoral portion can he adjusted To obtain good abduction the splint is placed on a small table near the bed which, in cases of subtrochanteric fracture, is tilted slightly outward on its long axis for adaptation to the marked outward rotation of the upper fragment. The tendency toward varus position, toward anteversion (in both upper thirds), and toward recurvation in the lower third must be borne in mind Of the cases reviewed, the traction was made with wire or clamps fastened in the head of the tibia in 34 and through the femoral condyle in 126 The Schmerz clamp is heing abandoned because of the frequency of complications associated with its use. At the von Eiselsberg Clinic penetration of the fracturehematoma hy a wire or clamp is considered always dangerous Overstretching of the capsule of the knee joint has not occurred, hut the great weight of from 20 to 25 kgm. (15 kgm in the cases of women) is used only in the first days and then replaced by a lighter weight. The traction is continued until good consolidation has occurred—therefore, for four, six, or eight weeks. At the end of that time a plaster cast is applied and left on for from two to six months After removal of the cast, an Unna paste dressing is applied to the lower leg to prevent edema and varices, and an elastic handage is applied around the knee joint to prevent effusion. The author warns against strong passive motion in the knee

Of 24 patients with compound fractures, o died of severe associated injuries. Of the remaining 15, 1 died of fat embolus, 3 of sepsis, 1 of gas gangrene, and 1 of pulmonary embolism

In the treatment of compound fractures, debridement was done and in early cases the wound was sutured when possible Tetanus antitoxin and from 50 to 60 c cm of gas-bacillus antitoxin were given. Before serum prophylaxis was begun, there were 3 cases of gas gangrene In all of the 5 cases of fracture in which amputation was done, death resulted

In the total number of cases of fracture reviewed, there were 45 deaths, a mortality of 13 S per cent.

but if the 30 deaths from associated injuries and intercurrent diseases are subtracted, the mortality was only 4 6 per cent (15 deaths) There were 2 besides they es

The author re-examined 3) of the surviving patents and received written reports regarding the condition of the 50 others. Sartiv-eight per cent of those followed by were fit for hard work and sports, 22 per cent were able to undertake all but the hardest work and strenous athletics. Sper cent were able to do only light work, and 5 per cent were able to do only light work, and 5 per cent were salted to the specific per compared to the leg up to 15 cm. caused no devability, and hot tening or lengthening of 1 for our 1 5 to 2, cm. caused only slight not borrown and the specific per centre of the specific per ce

(FRANK) RARRARA R STOUGOS M D

Andersen K The Treatment of Fractures of the Neck of the Fernur (Uebec die Behandlung der Scheukelhalsbruethe) Acta chiever Scand 2935 79 427

The author gives a short summary of the hi very of anternal faction in factives of the fenur. He believes that the treatment of these first the believes that the treatment of these fractures has recently been influenced by two factors viz. must ence on careful and immediate diagnoss by means of rontigenograms taken in two places as urged by Bachler and the method of treatment advocated by Bachler and the method of treatment advocated host method. Anderson states that it is not difficult if the correct unstruments are available. He report cases in which has treatment was employed. The the correct unstruments are available lie report cases in which has treatment was employed. The forest cases the results have been satisfactory to fire the case the results between these satisfactory of ar but in two cases of pseudasthrosis the end cased from the first state of the case of

Bohler I Operative Treatment of Fractures of the Neck of the Fenur by the Extra Articular Method of Sven Johansson (Operative Behand lung der Schenkelhsistruche mat der extra strikv laren Methode von Sven Johansson) Zentralös f Chr. 1913 p. 137

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The author gives a detailed description of his method of treating fractures of the neck of the femur. Twenty cubic centimeters of a 2 per cent solution of novocain are injected into the hip joint.

and roentgenograms then taken with the fey a minernal and external rotation. If a medial frature of the femoral neck of the adduction type is found, for example, a mail is first diverse through the third tuberousty, and the leg then laid in a Brain splint with address up plaster traction on the forefoot. With alrong abduction of the leg and the foot of the bed elevated from 90 to 40 cm. traction is applied on the third nail by a weight equal to one secent in the body weight. After exertal hours the positions therefore the production of the production of the it a change is indicated. If a Byzam splint and extended the production of the production of the it a change is indicated. If a Byzam splint and extended the production of the production of the sand hape; the part and the leg is placed between sand hape; the part and the leg is placed between

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joint is soon started. Mer fourteen days the patient is allowed to get up with a narrow close fitting plaster dresains which reaches to the line. The lower legs covered with a zunc paste bandage to the toes to hunt the smell of the bandage are left in for from eight to ten week. If we oronigen machines are available much unit be saved. The article contains iffustrations

So far, the author has operated on twenty cases without wound infection.

(BRUENING). BARBARA B STIMSON, M.D.

Milianitch, N., and Simovitch, M.: The Use, as a Provisional Support for a Patellar Suture with Horschair, of Continuous Traction by a Transquadriceps Wire in a Case of Refracture of the Patella Through the Bed of a Wire Used for Anterior Hemicerclage. Consolidation and Excellent Functional Result (Utilisation, comme soutien provisoire, d'une suture rotulienne aux crims de Florence, d'une extension continue par fil metallique transquadricipital, pour un cas de fracture iterive de la rotule siegeant au niveau du passage du fil d'un hémicerclage anterieur. Consolidation et resultat fonctionnel excellent) Bull et mém. Soc nat de chir, 1935, 61 599

The authors report the case of a laborer thirty-seven years old who fractured his left patella in June, 1933. The fracture was repaired by hemicerclage with wire. Two months later the patient sustained another injury to the knee which was followed by a marked local reaction with the accumulation of a large amount of fluid in the joint. He was

first seen by the authors in September, 1933. After aspiration, palpation disclosed a deep depression above the lower fragment which seemed to enter the joint. The upper fragment was felt two or three fingerbreadths above the lower fragment Roentgenograms showed the wire to be intact and the fracture to have occurred at the site in the upper fragment through which the wire was originally passed. At operation, which was delayed because of the acute condition of the joint, the wire was removed and the two fragments were approximated Because of retraction of the quadriceps, approximation of the fragments necessitated incisions in the patellar tendon Suture was done with horsehair and a wire then passed through the quadriceps tendon just above the patella The ends of the wire were brought out from the incision to permit continuous traction to overcome the pull of the quadriceps The traction was maintained for two weeks. Motion was begun several days after the operation A satisfactory result was obtained

The article includes a short discussion of this case and reproductions of roentgenograms

BARBARA B STIMSON, M D

## SURGERY OF THE BLOOD AND LYMPH SYSTEMS

#### BLOOD VESSELS

Barnard W G Tuberculous Arteritis J Po 4 & Bacteriol 1935 40 433

Small arteries passing through an actave tuber colous focus are frequently involved in the reaction their walls becoming infiltrated by granulation tissue. Similar involvement of large arteries, which is much less common may result in the production of an aneurism or damage to the artery wall leading to runtine.

The author reports a case in which arientis of the internal carotid and coronary arteries was the only active tuberculous lesion found in the body Sannet Kann M II

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Tellord E. D. and Stopford J. S. B. Thrombo Anglitis Obliterans. But M. J. 2935, 2. 863

Thrombo-anguts obliterans is a chronic orclawing teston of the vasospastic group which affects the medium is ed arteries chiefly those of the lover limbs. The authors present a report based on per sonal observations in about 200 cases. Their study dealt largely with the re ults obtained by sympactica, cord ganglionections?

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The disease commonly begins at ahout the age of forty years, but patients rarely come under observation hefore they are crippled by claudication. In the cases reviewed claudication was observed on the average at the age of forty-five years. The course is variable. As a rule it is chronic and tends to progress by exacerhations with long periods of rest. The disease is always hilateral, but usually begins first in one leg and later in the other. The second leg is involved to a worse degree than the first

As a rule the first symptom to attract attention is claudication. However, a few of the more observant patients state that they noticed before the onset of claudication that their feet felt at times intensely cold and while they were in this condition they appeared very white. The blanching suggests that the initial lesion is vasospastic although it may be due to too rapid emptying of the veins by muscular action. Since in early cases the authors have found that the pulsation of the posterior tibial artery is at one time distinct and at another time silent, they believe that the spastic condition of the arteries is not only present but varies in intensity from time to time

As the disease progresses the patient begins to complain of pain while at rest, especially when warm in bed Sooner or later the debilitated tissues invite the onset of trophic lesions About 50 per cent of all patients develop such lesions Thrombophlebitis, while an integral part of the disease, was relatively rare in the cases reviewed, being found in not more

than 10 per cent

The authors present a detailed description of the findings of gross and microscopic examinations of the vessels removed from 26 lower extremities amputated because of the effects of thrombo-angutis obliterans Dissection has confirmed the patchy nature of the disease In advanced cases it is common to find several inches of normal vessel between 2 points showing partial or complete occlusion These examinations demonstrate clearly that the disease affects primarily the muscular arteries rather than the veins The primary change is undoubtedly to be found in the inner coat, where proliferation of the intima can invariably be demonstrated in the initial site of the disease. Later, thrombosis occurs in the neighborhood of the intimal irregularities At first the clot is often very small and localized, but later it increases by additions Under the microscope it is often possible to recognize 3 zones—the thickened intima, the organizations of the primary thromhosis, and internal to the latter, the more recently formed clot These changes lead to narrowing of the lumen and ultimately to occlusion When the thrombosis completely fills the lumen the clot often extends in the central direction some distance beyond the site of the original intimal proliferation, and transverse sections of the vessel at this level will fail to demonstrate the primary intimal change Succeeding the proliferation of the intima and becoming more pronounced as the organization of the clot proceeds is fibrosis of the media

increase of fibrous tissue in the adventitia is associated also with organization of the thrombus. The cause of the intimal proliferation in the arteries remains obscure, but the authors believe that it may be related to the attacks of intense spasm which have been noted clinically.

According to the authors' experience, all forms of physiotherapeusis are only temporary palliatives No drug administered by mouth appears to influence The effects produced by substances the disease causing febrile reactions are temporary Adrenalectomy, high ligation of the femoral vein, and perivascular sympathectomy have failed to yield the results hoped for The most obvious and rational operation is cord ganghonectomy. The results of the operation of lumbar cord ganglionectomy in fortyeight cases of thrombo-angutis obliterans as revealed by a recent survey are reviewed Of forty-two cases studied, the results are good in twenty-five, fair in seven, and unsuccessful in ten. It is evident that in the cases of younger patients and in less advanced cases operation will give the best results and it is in this group that the majority of the good results are In the advanced cases with gangrene obtained operation will ease the pain and may render it possible to amputate at a lower level Treatment by cord ganglionectomy is the only procedure which offers any hope of permanent relief

HERBERT F THURSTON, M.D.

Donati, M.: Arterial Resection Combined with Unilateral Suprarenalectomy in the Treatment of Endarteritis Obliterans of the Extremities (Arterienresektion kombiniert mit einseitiger Nebenmerenentfernung bei der Therapie der Endarteritis obliterans der Extremitaeten) Schweiz med Wchnschr, 1935, 1 61

In 1915, during the war, Donati performed arterial resections in cases of injuries and aneurisms and noted that the operation was followed by quick relief of the sensory, motor, and trophic disturbances as well as of the ischemia In 1917, Leriche called attention to the vasodilating effect and the effect on the contraction of voluntary muscles produced by arterial resection in cases of arterial obliteration, and in 1933 he published his report on the surgical treatment of arteritis obliterans. As the cyanosis, chilling, trophic disturbances, and pain associated with arterial ohliteration are mainly of a sympathetic rather than an ischemic nature, he concluded that the resection brings about its effects by eliminating the influence of the perivascular sympathetic nerve of the ohliterated portion of the vessel He stated that the diseased arterial wall gives rise to reflex spasms which interfere with collateral circulation The following surgical procedures were recommended by him for different types of arterial obliteration

r Perifemoral and peri-iliac sympathectomy for cases of atheromatous origin except those in which the feet are red and warm

2 Resection of portions of vessels or ganglionectomy for beginning juvenile arteritis

3 Removal of a suprarenal capsule in cases of definite endartentis obliterans except those with diffuse gangrene

4 Arterectoray for cases of limited thrombosis of an artery, viz those of a traumatic nature and

arterial embolism

Donati emphasizes the importance of early removal of the suprarenal capsule. He believes that most failures of this operation are due to too long delay While the other suprarenal capsule usually becomes hypertrophied a favorable effect of the operation on the diseased member is apparent by the time the hypertrophy occurs. Of interest with respect to improvement of the circulation is Almar's observation that only the elastic type of arteries and not the arterioles of the muscolature, have a tendency to become obliterated Bonzis agrees with his purel Ciminata that the pains are related to local circulatory disturbances in the anemic region which depend upon the action of adrenalin and all substances causing sensitization to pressure. It is for this reason that he recommends removal of the suprarenal capsule. Also to be considered is resection of the splanchme nerves by Durante a method as by this procedure the pressure is reduced and the trophic disturbances and nams may be relieved with out complete sacrifice of the cortex of the suprarenal gland

With regard to the interlumbosacral sympathec tomy of Danielopolu in which the vasodilators should be apared, there are few statistics

The author next reports in detail the case of a man thirty six years old who for four years not counting the period of premonitory symptoms had had defi nite evidence of endarteritis obliterans in the left fee and in anite of 160 injections of pidutia and many other measures which had produced temporary improvement, developed a chronic condition char acterized by intermittent claudication difficulty in walking inability to stand for any considerable length of time constant pain trophic disturbances. and an open elect which had persisted for two years At first resection of 8 cm of the nor pulsat ne Semoral artery was done just below Poupart a liga ment The artery and vein were found closely sur rounded by connective tissue which rendered their isolation difficult. During the night following the operation there was some pain After seventeen days the patient was able to stand without pain The foot was still evanotic but the trophic alter was healed. One month after the arterial resection, the left sup a renal capsule was removed. In spite of this the findings of oscillometry remained persuits. After nine months the patient was able to resume his usual occupation and to stand for a longer time and only slight eyanosis persisted. The ulcer remained healed. The oscilloreing findings were then pour tive and the temperature of both feet was the same This result is of special significance because arteriog raphy before the operations showed that only the branches of the deep femoral artery were patent (FRANZ) CLARENCE C. REED M.D.

# SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

## OPERATIVE SURGERY AND TECHNIQUE; POSTOPERATIVE TREATMENT

Lowenthal, G.: Tracheobronchial Aspiration of Buccopharyngeal Secretion During Ether Anesthesia: Immediate Postoperative Bronchoscopic Study of Twenty-One Patients. Arch Otolaryngol, 1935, 21 561.

The author made bronchoscopic observations immediately following operations other than operations on the upper respiratory passages in the cases of twenty-one patients under ether anesthesia in order to determine whether saliva and other pharyngeal contents were aspirated. In eighteen cases the operation was done for mastoiditis, in one case for fibroma of the external acoustic meatus, and in two cases for frontal sinusitis. In the last two cases, the choang were blocked with postnasal packs to prevent leakage from the operative field into the pharynx. In all of the cases, therefore, two factors which influence the aspiration of secretion were eliminated, namely, bleeding into the operative field and the effect of instrumental depression of the

tongue such as occurs in tonsillectomy

To identify the aspirated material, aqueous methylene blue was instilled into the pharynx after the anesthetization and before the surgical procedure was started. Most of the patients received 3 drops of the dye, but some were given as much as 20 drops Observations on the following factors were made pre-operatively the patient's position on the operating table, the patient's age and sex, and the pre-anesthetic medication During the operation, observations were made on the presence or absence of the gag or laryngeal reflex at the time of the instillation of the dye into the pharynx and on the amount of secretion present in the mouth and pharyny Immediately after completion of the operation the etherization was discontinued, the pharyny sucked dry, and bronchoscopy was done Observations were made on the topographic distribution of aspirated material as evidenced by the presence of dye in the various segments of the tracheobronchial tree and on the quantity of material aspirated

Aspiration into the larynx or further into the tracheobronchial tree occurred in seventeen (Sr per cent), and into the trachea or lower in sixteen (76 per cent), of the twenty-one cases. It was found that when aspiration occurred the stained material was more likely to be sucked into the whole bronchoscopically-visible portion of the tracheobronchial tree than to be limited to one segment.

In a review of the literature dealing with cases of aspiration following operations on the upper respiratory passages it was found that the incidence of

aspiration was essentially the same as in this series Aspiration by etherized patients in this series and in the various series reported in the literature was twice as frequent as in patients subjected to tonsil-lectomy under local anesthesia. Aspiration is therefore important as an etiological factor in postoperative pneumopathy even in cases in which the operation is not performed on the pharynx, mouth, or nose. The hygienic condition of the mouth, nose, and throat is also an important factor since upon this depends the infectivity of aspirated material. Frequent and continuous suction is suggested as a means of decreasing the amount of pharyngeal contents subject to aspiration.

ARTHUR S W. TOUFOFF, M.D.

Kueppers, H.: A Case of Postoperative Progressive Skin Necrosis (Em Fall von postoperativer, progressiver Hautnekrose). Zentralbl f Chir., 1935, p 378.

The author reports a case of progressive skin necrosis following cholecystectomy. The operation was performed through an oblique incision, and in the suturing of the wound a small opening was left for drainage. A duodenal fistula appeared on the fourth day, but closed spontaneously after a few days. The postoperative course was then normal up to the twenty-first day, when a small circumscribed area of hyperemia with a pustule in the center appeared in the lateral corner of the wound. This lesson grew larger in the manner of a carbuncle and after a few days was the size of the palm of the hand. In the center it showed purulent liquefaction. The onset was afebrile, but later the temperature rose to 38 5 degrees at evening.

In spite of the injection of autogenous blood about the lesion, radical excision of the disease focus, X-ray irradiation, and serum treatment, the lesion progressed. The skin edges broke down and turned yellowish-brown or black. From beneath the necrotic margins a large amount of purulent material with a moderately foul odor was discharged. The tissue destruction extended to the fascia, and in the

lumbar region reached the muscle.

Bacteriological examination revealed the staphylococcus albus, colon bacilli, and saprophytic

organisms

After two and a half months the necrosis had caused massive destruction extending as far as the middle of the abdomen, upward to the right breast, and a considerable distance onto the back. Almost all of the skin of the right side of the abdomen was destroyed

At this stage the wound edges were cauterized with the actual cautery until normal tissue was reached, and during the following days were further

cauterneed with concentrated zure chie ale until the militarated issues were burned out. The influence insulation making and chemical reactions subaded. The percous their remained staticinary for foor term days but at the end of that time resumed its progress in the direction of the night cless. Four months again used to burn out the process. At that time the cauterneed in the construction of a larger area was necessary before healthy tis we was reached. The davase process then stopped. Later, the denuded area was one red with slan greats.

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#### ANTISEPTIC SURGERY, TREATMENT OF WOUNDS AND INVECTIONS

Jaros M. Hand Injuries and Insurance (Handver letzungen und Versicherung) Ro h. Chir of Gynack C chir 1914 13 270

This is an extensive report with numerous tables, in the year 1930 the Frague Accident In utance. In., title paid compensation for 19 567 injuries. Of these 32 or per cent were injuries of the upper externities 337 56 per cent injuries of fingers and 8 36 per cent injuries of the hand. Infection occurred in 18 44 per cent of all injuries.

The Institute has paid out more than 200 million known 50 rd per cent of which were paid for his house of 50 rd per 10 rd per

The average length of time required for healing was twenty one days for finger injuries thirty mise days for paracitia and forty six days for panacitia and forty six days for phigmons. The total number of days of treatment in cases of hand and finger injuries was 140 413. The treat

ment of infections required 45 109 days

With the increasing economic depression, the number of self inturies has increased. In 1951 there were for cases of self injury in which the thumb was cut

off with a primitive goallotine. In conclusion the author says that the number of injuries and infections of the Sugers should be decreased. Frotection again a serdents must be increased and injuries must be treated correctly and thoroughly. Injuries of the hand should be treated by specialists rather than by groceral practitioners.

14) A Symptoms in Workmen Who Use Compressed Air Tools (Mandestations morbides professionalities observes chez les ouvriers qui utilisant les outils à air comprimé). Preus mái 1935

(VIDLICEA) JACOB & KLEIN M.D.

Feil reports the examination of twenty three workmen employed in the making and repair of toads and streets who had used pneumatic dulls of

various stees. Lighteen had used such tool, for our or two years, there for over two years, and two less than a year. Their ages ranged from trently four to fifty two years. The majority of the mounts of the were us good go next besilts and of robust appear ance. Most of them handled pneumant, offsile of the largersoil type weighing from 2, to yo lay. They used them for an average of fifteen days each month for three or four hours each day for pe ods of an hour or too at a time.

Most of these workmen complianted of a sensition of numbranes in the fingers and hands while using the drill and wometimes of recurrent tremers which they compared to repeated sight electric shocks as the standard of the standard standar

The most frequently observed symptom is deadness of the fingers. This occurred in the (43 per cent) of the twenty three men studed it occurred in the right hand and in decreasing frequency in the index finger, middle finger and little finger. The thumb and ring finger mer rarby affected. Others have stated that the lift hand is a sensation of formication and cold with loss of normal mobility and sentiathy and sometimes as scheme pailor in the so called 'dwad finger.

While mo t of the workmen complained checky of these symptoms in the fingers bands and arms other symptoms can be choiced on careful examination. Suth five per cent of the author's patients had noted ranging at the ears during and after work with the pneumatic drill. Forty where per cent of those with this symptom were abglidy deal. One man complained of vertigo. Five men noted dimners of vision during or after work, four complained of insumus associated with crarges in the arm. No abnormalities of the nervous reflects were noted. The

blood pressure was normal Another study was made on forty four men u ing pneumatic drills in slate quarries. Some of the e men used the drill quite constantly whe eas others used them for only relatively short period drills were not large, weighing only 12 of 11 kgm. Quite a number of these workmen complained of cramps or muscular tremer while using the drill but stated that these symptoms cersed when the work was stopped. The most common complaint in this group of workmen was lumbage which could not be attributed to the use of the pneumatic drill and was probably due to the strained position which the work required Only two of the men complained of persistent cramps in the arm. One complained of muscular tremers one of 'dead fingers and five of pain in the shoulder or thigh

Of ninety-seven iron miners using relatively light pneumatic drills (weighing from 12 to 15 kgm), seventy-four (76 per cent) had no symptoms attributed to the use of the drill Twenty had slight and transitory symptoms such as fatigue, tremor, cramps, and pain in the back or thighs Three had more severe symptoms—"dead" fingers, tremor of the hands, and cramps in the thigh against which the pneumatic drill was supported

Among fifteen workers in a sandstone quarry there were six who had symptoms such as rheumatism and cramps in the thigh which might have heen caused by the use of the pneumatic drill, but which might also have been due to the general conditions of work None of these men complained of "dead"

fingers or tremors of the hand

The author concludes that in workers in mines and quarries where relatively light pneumatic drills are used, symptoms attributable to the use of these drills are few and slight. More serious and more permanent symptoms occur in workers using the heavier types of pneumatic drills. The most characteristic of these is the so-called "dead" fingers. Symptoms occur more frequently in the younger workers who are not skilled in the use of pneumatic tools than in the older workers who have learned to handle such tools effectively with minimal discomfort.

ALICE M. MEYERS

McClure, R. D, and Allen, C I.: The Davidson Tannic Acid Treatment of Burns. Am J Surg, 1935, 28 370

In discussing the symptoms following burns, the authors state that an increase in the concentration of the blood must be admitted and this condition must be treated as it is undouhtedly a factor, although probably not the most important one, in the mortality of burns. In support of the theory that the constitutional reaction is due to the absorption of a force substance formed at the site of the burn they cite Davidson's work. They present mortality tables from five hospitals which show a reduction in the death rate since the introduction of tannic acid However, they do not attribute the improvement in the results to the tannic acid treatment alone

Of the authors' series of 476 patients, 358 were treated with tannic acid. There were 42 deaths, a mortality rate of 117 per cent. In 118 cases treated before the tannic acid method of treatment was in-

troduced the mortality was 93 per cent

Among the advantages of the tannic acid treatment are relief of the pain and discomfort, prevention of loss of fluid from the wounds, and reduction of the incidence of infection, scarring, and contracture

STANLEY J SEEGER, M D

Neuber, E.: Recent Findings of Research on Actinomycosis (Neuere Ergebnisse der Aktunomykoseforschung) Deutsche Ztschr f Chir, 1934, 244 122

After briefly reviewing the pathogenesis of actinomycosis, the mechanism by which the infection is produced, and the new methods of diag-

nosing the condition, the author discusses the treatment with special reference to the use of vaccine. He states that for a long time vaccine therapy failed to find wide acceptance as it was employed even in the inactive stage of the disease and without proper dosage. It may be used only when the patient is in good general condition and shows specific allergic reactions. Otherwise the general condition must

first be improved The author first employs the gold treatment which always influences the process favorably He gives an initial dose which produces a definite allergic reaction in the actinomycotic patient but no reaction in control subjects Increasing doses are then injected intramuscularly every four or five days, if possible with the production of a definite local reaction each time As a rule from ten to fifteen injections are sufficient If they are not sufficient, the gold and vaccine treatments are repeated. To some patients with strong allergic reactions the vaccine and gold injections may he given alternately at intervals of two or three days In cases of very hard and extensive infiltrations the described treatment may be combined with procedures to soften the process (the use of milk, or pyrifer or inoculation with malaria) In the absence of such infiltrations the author has never felt the need of combining the treatment with other methods (surgical, radiological)

The article contains several photographs taken before and after the described treatment

(Heinemann-Grueder). Leo A Juhnke, M D

Donald, C.: The Conservative Attitude in the Treatment of Acute Pyogenic Infections Brit M J, 1935, 1 963

Donald reviews cases of acute pyogenic infection treated at the London Hospital during the three years from 1932 to 1934. He states that the 2 fundamental factors determining the outcome of such infections are the virulence of the infecting organism and the patient's resistance "conservative in treatment" he means the avoidance of incisions altogether or their delay until a localized collection or collections of pus have formed. He states that, at the London Hospital, much faith is placed in the copious administration of fluids and potassium nitrate In cases of severe toxemia the latter is given in amounts up to 60 gr every two hours In all infections compresses wet with hot hypertonic salt solution (from 1/2 to 1 oz of salt to 1 pt ) are applied

In the 78 cases of carbuncle reviewed there were 5 deaths. None of the carbuncles was incised, excised, or scraped. All were allowed to slough out.

In the 112 cases of infections of the face there were 4 deaths, all due to cavernous sinus thrombosis

Exclusive of cases of uncomplicated lymphangitis, there were 145 cases of cellulitis—48 of the upper extremity, 57 of the lower extremity, 27 of the face, and 13 of other parts of the body. Of the cases of cellulitis of the extremites, resolution without complications occurred in 55, localized abscess formation

in 43 and major complications of diffuse suppuration or/and septicemia in 7 There were 3 deaths all from

septicemia due to infection of an upper extremity. In the 176 cases of hand infection there were a deaths, all due to septicemia. The author states that the danger of conservative early treatment in hand.

infections lies in its overdoing

Donald discusses also puerperal breast infections
and the external inflammatory swelling which precedes the formation of an algoritar absent.

In conclusion he says. The old dictum. Where there is pus let it out has become a commonplace. At the present time a more valuable injunction, with an Irish flavor might well be. Where there isn't pus don't let it out."

CARL R STEPLES MID

#### ANTSTRESIA

Meyenburg II von Fatalities in Percain Anes thesia (Ueber Todesfaelle bet Percary Anaesthesie) Fesische Zongger 1933 t 88

The author reports the findings made at the Pathological Institute at Zurich in five cases of death due to percain. In three cases the death was due very evidently to overdosage in the induction of local aneathesia the maximum safe dose of o over gm.

per kilogram of body weight having been exceeded In two of these cases the poisoning cau ed clonic spasms and respiratory paralysis and in one case. severe collapse. As associated causes of death in these three cases, autopsy revealed status thymicolymphaticus pyelonephritis and severe Base-dow's disease with status thymicolymphaticus respectively The fourth case was that of a patient with circulatory disturbances who was subjected to lumbar anesthesia. The correct dosage was used but the nations collapsed during the operation. In the fifth case in which mucous membrane anesthesia was repeated without overdosage in a period of two days the possoning was probably due to cumulation of the percent because of the slowness with which the drug as excreted -Christ has observed betesin anesthesia lasting for as long as twenty two hoursand the effect of the poison was exerted on an organism neakened by carcinoma of the prostate and severe artemosclerosis involving especially the coronary artenes Death followed deep coma and eaasaduma

In conclusion the author says that because of the toxicity of percain careful consideration should be given to all associated conditions in cases in which the use of the drue is contemplated.

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# PHYSICOCHEMICAL METHODS IN SURGERY

## ROENTGENOLOGY

Kadrnka, S., and Junet, R.: Experimental Pulmoroentgenography and Its Stages: (1) The Alveolar Stage-Pulmo-Alveolography-and (2) the Lymphatic Stage-Pulmolymphography (La pulmoradiographie expérimentale et ses étapes (1) alvéolaire—pulmo-alvéolographie—et (2) lymphatique-pulmolymphographie) Acta radiol . 1035, 16, 361

The authors made roent genological and histological examinations of the lungs of rabbits which had been given colloidal thorium intravenously in frac-tionated doses and graduated amounts The obtionated doses and graduated amounts servations were made at varying periods—up to

three years—after the injections

They found that when a certain dose of thorium was exceeded, the usual organs of filtration-the spleen, liver, and bone marrow—were no longer able to assure its filtration The lungs were the next organs to be called upon because of the phagocytic capacity of the alveolar epithelium The alveolar walls impregnated with the metal produced the roentgen picture of a very finely woven net, the "pulmo-alveologram" The roentgen appearance gradually changed as the meshes became larger until they reached about the size of a lobule and produced a honeycomh-like picture due to the deposit of thorium in the perivenous and peribronchial spaces, the "pulmolymphogram" thorium granules always lay within the cells

The dose of thorium necessary to produce a shadow in the lungs caused no injury when the proper technique was used, but injury resulted when the shadow-producing total dose was greatly exceeded or a too large single dose was injected

In conclusion the authors state that the method is not yet suitable for use in clinical cases spleen and liver can simultaneously collect considerable amounts of thorium which are able to cause injuries

Mayneord, W. V., and Roberts, J. E: The "Quality" of High-Voltage Irradiations Radiol , 1935, 8 341

There are a number of methods of defining and measuring the "quality" of a beam of high-potential The method of measuring quality hy determining the complete energy distribution, employing an ionization or photographic spectrometer, involves too complex and lengthy investigations for general use in therapeutic practice The methods ordinarily employed in radiological practice depend upon the absorption of the irradiation in some standard substance and differ only in the way in which the absorption data are utilized The methods most generally known are (1) determination of the

partial absorption curve of the irradiation in a standard substance such as copper, (2) determination of an effective wave length, and (3) measurement of the "half-value layer." These methods are

described in detail

The filtration problems intimately connected with the question of quality measurement are discussed at length Experimental results obtained by taking a series of spectra with the use of different metal filters and ionization measurements made under various conditions to ascertain the most efficient filter for high-voltage irradiation are described. Absorption curves showing percentages of transmission with filters of copper, tin, and lead of various thicknesses at different voltages, and half-layervalue studies made under similar conditions are presented Results obtained with combinations of filters to determine quantitative "improvement" over a wide range of conditions are reported

The authors summarize their article as follows: The main methods of defining the "quality" of an X-ray beam are discussed and criticised It is concluded that, at the present time, the simple half-

value method is least open to criticism

Spectra of high-voltage irradiations through lead. tin, and copper show the superiority of tin as a This is demonstrated by many ionization experiments Combinations of metals are discussed and suggestions for practical filters are made

It is suggested that tin is the most suitable metal for half-value-layer measurements.

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#### RADIUM

Hutchison, R. G.: Radium Treatment of Epithelioma of the Penis. Brit. J Radiol, 1935, 8 306

The author states that in epithelioma of the penis extremely localized irradiation is apt to permit recurrence as the degree of infiltration of the lesion is often difficult to estimate. In the technique he describes the problem of homogeneous irradiation of the whole shaft of the penis is solved by the use of a cylinder bearing on its outer aspect such amounts of radium in such distribution that the intensity of the irradiation throughout the cylinder is practically homogeneous The cylinder measures 107 cm. in length and 5 cm in width and has a wall thickness of 1 cm Its internal diameter is 3 cm. It is surrounded by four belts of six 1-mgm needles each. The active length of each needle is 1 5 cm and the filtration is 05 mm of platinum. The two outer helts are 25 cm and the two inner belts 3 cm. apart from center to center The cylinder is cut accurately and carefully fitted into a large piece of thick sorbo rubher which is applied to the lower part of the abdomen and grow and held in place by a double spice bandage. Substances other than rubber such as Columbia paste and dental modeling compound may be used, but the sorbo rubber is preferred. The applicator and the manner in which it is applied are shown by illustrations.

The applicator is worn for two bundred and forty hours either continuously or intermittently. The dossge is between 3 coo and 6 coor. The irradiation usually produces a brisk crythema followed by most dequamation of the epiderms. Healing is complete in two months. The erectile function of the pens is preserved but it is as yet unknown whether the

treatment causes sterility

Of ten patients treated by the method described in 1032 nine are alive and well. Five were cured by the radium treatment alone, but four required subsequent operation. Radium therapy is indicated in cases unfit for

surgery and those in which sacrifice of the penis is

refused.

In summarizing the author savs that as surface applications of radium have been found most uccessful in the treatment of cancer of the pens surgery should usually be the second line of defense A TAKER LAREN M D

Lynch M G The Pathology of Radium Burns Arch Otolaryngol 1935 21 507

Three stages in the development of a radium burn are suggested (i) the stage of engorgenest (i) the stage of constriction, and (i) the stage of necrous in general these three stages correspond roughly to the three degrees of burns resulting from fire (i) byperemia (i) the extravastion of serim and the formation of vesicles, and (i) the congulation of cytonlaum of the cells resulting in necrous

In the radium burn, necrosis is due primarily, not to an insurv of the tissues but to injury of the endothelial cells of the blood ves els followed by thrombosis which results in necrosis of the tissue due to fack of a blood supply Difficulty is experienced in determining the degree of the burn caused by radium on account of the gradual nature of the de velopment of the changes in the tissue and the fact that the tissue itself is injured only by an over whelming dose of irradiation. The author describes the three stages of radium burn in detail preventing photomicrographs of each. He states that as in general the necrosis is brought about by thrombosis of the vessels and degeneration of fibrous tissue and muscle it is difficult to judge the full extent or degree of a radium burn from the immediate reaction of the A. JAMES LARRY MD area expo ed

## MISCELLANEOUS

## CLINICAL ENTITIES—GENERAL PHYSIO-LOGICAL CONDITIONS

Pannella, P.: The Influence of Adrenalin on Shock Resulting from the Removal of a Hemostatic Tourniquet (Influenza dell'adrenalina sullo shock determinato da ablazione di laccio emostatico). Ann ilal di chir, 1935, 14 1

The appearance of shock after the removal of a hemostatic tourniquet which has been applied to an extremity for some time is not uncommon It is not

necessarily a very serious type of shock

Pannella briefly reviews some of the literature on the condition and discusses the various theories as to the cause. According to one theory, the injured muscle produces a histamine-like substance which, when freed into the circulatory system, causes a marked and rapid reduction of the arterial blood pressure According to another theory, the shock is an anaphylactic phenomenon due to the absorption of albumin from the injured tissues That certain new substances are present in the blood of injured extremities has been shown by the production of a marked reaction in otherwise normal animals by the injection of blood from the injured extremity These substances are vasodilating and have a depressive action on the heart. It is believed that the vasodilating action is due to involvement of the smooth muscle, and that the heart is affected directly by intovication. It has been shown that these substances may pass through the liver unchanged. No satisfactory treatment of this form of shock has been found

Following a detailed case report the author records experimental work which he carried out on two series of animals to determine the influence of adrenalin on shock. In the first series of animals the shock was produced by the application of a hemostatic tourniquet. After removal of the tourniquet the shock was counteracted in some by the use of adrenalin whereas in others the result was not satisfactory. The results were not constant. In the second series of animals, the shock was produced by the injection of adequate doses of histamine. In these the effect of adrenalin was temporary and brief.

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Serck-Hanssen, T.: Certical Ribs Combined With Other Anomalies of the Vertebral Column as a Family Condition. Acta chirurg Scard, 1935, 76 551.

In eight individuals of a family, representing three generations, the following anomalies were found well-developed cervical ribs in two, rudimentary cervical ribs in four; a cleft corpus of the seventh cervical vertebra in one, and spina bifida posterior

occulta sacralis in seven, with partial lumbarization of the first sacral vertebra in two and complete sacralization of the fifth lumbar vertebra in one. The author reports the case of one of the members of this family who was operated upon for bilateral cervical ribs. He discusses the etiology of the anomaly and the technique of operation

Leriche, R., Fontaine, R, and Maitre, R.: The Late Results of the Treatment of Ulcers of the Leg by Operations on the Sympathetic Nerve Combined with Skin Grafting as Shown by Fifty-Two Cases (Résultats éloignés du traitement des ulcètes de jambe par les opérations sympathiques combinées aux graffes, cutanées, d'après 52 observations) J. de chir, 1935, 45.689

The authors state that not all ulcers of the leg can be treated in the same way. They classify leg ulcers into the following six groups: (1) post-traumatic ulcers, (2) syphilitic ulcers, (3) phlebitic ulcers, (4) true varicose ulcers, (5) chronic ulcers of unknown cause, or idiopathic ulcers, and (6) ulcers following burns

They state that insofar as possible the treatment should be directed toward correction of the cause of the lesions. This is possible in cases of ulcers developing on large scars, which heal when the scars are reduced in size, and cases of syphilitic ulcers. It should be possible also in cases of true varicose ulcers, but these often resist removal of the varices. In the other groups, treatment directed toward the cause is impossible and the ulcer must simply be treated as such

It is necessary to consider in the treatment also the three factors upon which the chronicity of the lesions depends (1) the site and extent of the ulcers, (2) the poor circulation, and (3) the chronic infection The majority of treatments used heretofore were limited to the production of hyperemia and the combating of the infection. The cicatrization occurring under such treatment results in a very thin, shining, and fragile epidermis in which a recurrence nearly always develops skin of good quality, skin grafts are necessary. Sympathectomy disinfects the ulcer and brings about hyperemia, thereby preparing a good bed for skin grafts Formerly, skin grafts failed to take, but after sympathectomy they take in almost every case Therefore the combination of sympathectomy, which brings about disinfection and hyperemia, and skin grafting, which assures a scar of good quality, is to be highly recommended for the treatment of leg ulcers

In cases of post-traumatic ulcers, with the exception of those in which the ulcers formed on a large scar, the authors have obtained quite good results with this treatment. Their results have been good also in cases of tiers following burns and idopathic ulter. In cases of true various ulter they have been especially good, in some instances a cure lasting as long as mis years has been obtained. The most accordance of the control of

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Madelung has called attention to the fact that multiple symmetrical times the fatty growths may be found in the subcutaneous tissues especially in alcohol addicts. In four of the author's cases chronic missue of alcohol was associated with cirrhosis of the liver. The planeties were made over forty years of age who were autlening from cirrhosis of the liver of varying degree ranging from beganning faity cirrhosis to the severe irreversible form with disturbance and the severe irreversible form with disturbance and the severe irreversible form and studies also the severe irreversible form with disturbance and the severe irreversible form and studies also the severe irreversible form with disturbance and the severe irreversible form and the severe irreversible form with disturbance and the severe irreversible form with disturbance in which the liver was particularly involved.

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Harbitz II F Lipogranuloma-a Foreign Body Inflammation Often Suggesting a Tumor icu chirure Scord 1012 70 401

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Menkin V Inflammation Related to Surgery

Lancet tate 223 o3t The development of inflammation consists of a writes of dynamic and arquential changes which tend to localize and ultimately dispose of an irritant thereby preventing its entry into the body Accord ingly, there is a close relationship between inflam mation and immunity The author found that when trypan blue was anjected into an area of inflamma tion induced by a chemical irritant (alcurorat) the dye lailed to penetrate either the draining lymphatic vessels or the regional lymph nodes. In other word it became fixed in the inflammatory zone whereas when it was injected into a normal area it was rapidly absorbed. Subsequent experiments demon strated that when die was injected intravenously it capidly accumulated in an area of previously prepared and ammation The accumulation was due to a local increase of capillary permeability and in ability of the dye to leave the site because of the fixation mentioned By further studies with dyes it was shown that particulate matter whi i was unable to pass through normal capillary endothelium readily passed through the lining of such channels in

All of these findings are applicable to microorganisms. When bacillus produgiosus or bacillus produgiosus or bacillus produgiosus or bacillus and is recovered from four of artificially induced in

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flammation in greater numbers than from surrounding normal tissues The occurrence of hematogenous osteomyelitis as the result of the localization of bacteria from the blood stream at a site of diminished resistance after preliminary trauma may thus be explained Bacteria injected directly into an area of mury are "fixed" similarly to dyes Their fixation was found by the author to be due to the formation of an obstructive barrier by the thrombosis of lymphatics and the coagulation of plasma in tissues distended by edema fluid Phagocytosis does not play an important rôle in the reaction of fixation as the latter occurs before many leucocytes are present Moreover, microscopic studies at this period fail to reveal any trace of the phagocyted material tested Further substantiation of the mechanical nature of fixation is afforded by the fact that dyes or bacteria injected at the periphery of an inflamed area fail to enter it Final substantiation is afforded by a chemical test. Concentrated urea in vitro tends to dissolve preformed fibrin and prevents the coagulation of blood Therefore, when urea is injected simultaneously with an inflammatory urritant at the same site the reaction of fixation is inhibited and the lymphocytes are found unoccluded by thrombi

The speed with which an irritant (chemical or bacterial) causes fixation is an important index of its ability to disseminate into the circulating blood When injected locally, the staphylococcus aureus causes fixation of dye and of itself in about an hour and the pneumococcus of Type I causes it in six hours, whereas the streptococcus hemolyticus requires almost two days to cause fixation Therefore, the staphylococcus, which is fixed most rapidly, is the least invasive of these three organisms and the streptococcus, which is fixed most slowly, is the most invasive The reaction of fixation, by circumscribing the irritant in the earliest phase of the acute inflammatory reaction, plays a definite rôle in immunity as it protects the body at the expense of local injury The reason for the disastrous effects of untimely surgical interference with such an effective inflammatory barrier is therefore obvious

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They have found that the most frequent lateral-17ing sign is deviation of the head and eyes to the side opposite the hemisphere involved Seizures which have their origin in the frontal lobe are usually characterized by loss of consciousness (without aura) and turning of the eyes, head, and body to the opposite side, followed by a nearly simultaneous convulsion of the opposite extremities, falling, and generalization of the attack. In seizures which arise in the precentral or postcentral gyrus consciousness is usually lost late. A "tingling sensation" may follow a jacksonian "march," just as movement follows in seizures arising in the frontal lobe Consciousness is apt to be lost late also in seizures arising anywhere behind the central sulcus Such seizures are, of course, ushered in by aurie. It must be remembered, however, that a major attack may leave retrograde amnesia, so that the aura is forgotten Under such circumstances, the aura may be remembered only in slight seizures which do not progress to generalization Seizures originating in the supramarginal gyrus are characterized by a discontinuous twinkling of lights seen in the contralateral field An aura of pain or of epigastric distress may arise from activity of the postcentral cerebral cortex Cortical stimulation reproduces such sensory phenomena The buzzing sounds and the dizziness which are characteristic of unilateral temporal lobe seizures have been reproduced by electrical stimulation, but the more complicated dreamy states and odors have never been reproduced, perhaps because of the limitation of surgical approach

Cerebral localization of epileptic manifestations is necessary for the interpretation of convulsive servures and is of obvious importance in cases in which radical therapeutic measures are indicated

The diagnosis of traumatic epilepsy has been greatly simplified by the advent of air studies. It is generally accepted that encephalography offers more information in these cases than does ventriculography because, in the former, the cerebral subarachnoid spaces as well as the ventricular system are visualized

Money and Susman (14) have emphasized the value of encephalography in the diagnosis of traumatic focal lesions of the brain

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work, and it becomes evident in the encephalogram that this cicatricial pull produces a migration of adjacent parts of the ventricle toward the lesion.

TREATMENT

The operative treatment of epilepsy has been the perennial vogue in various clinics for the past Simple decompression operations, forty years implantation of foreign bodies upon the surface of the brain, various types of cervical sympathectomy, drainage of arachnoidal lakes of fluid, surgical alterations of venous drainage, all of these and many more, such as colectomy, have been employed from time to time with the hope of bringing relief to the epileptic patient Today, it is generally conceded that there is no approved or accepted surgical procedure for cases of idiopathic epilepsy On the other hand, the treatment of traumatic epilepsy with localized cortical scars is not only well standardized but yields quite satisfactory results

All recent authors pay tribute to the pioneer work of Foerster and his pupils in the struggle against traumatic epilepsy. The principles which Foerster has laid down form the basis of all mod-

ern studies of this condition

Vogeler (33) discusses in a condensed article the present status of our knowledge of the surgical treatment of traumatic epilepsy. He concludes that removal of the cortical scar is the most

important part of the treatment

Penfield (18) states: "If the patient's history, the encephalogram, the pattern of the seizures and, perhaps, neurological examination all incriminate the same area of the brain, then electrical exploration is justified. If this exploration is in accordance with the rest of the evidence, complete radical excision of the focal lesion is the rational method of treatment, a treatment which has been justified by its practical results "

Alessandri (1) in summarizing his experience in the treatment of post-traumatic jacksonian epilepsy, says. "The most essential feature is the restoration of the anatomical conditions of the cranium as nearly as possible " He favors closure of any bony defect by transplantation of bone after excision of scars in the dura and cerebral He favors also the transplantation of muscle tissue into the cavity of the cerebral scar

to arrest bleeding

Schurer-Waldheim (26) discusses the problem of surgical treatment of epilepsy from several angles. He feels that surgical treatment of the idiopathic group of cases is useless. In the symptomatic group, more encouraging results have been obtained. In this group he places all cases In other cases it is so situated and so delimited as to render its complete radical extirpation possible Penfield says further 'Physiological instability of the cerebral blood vessels seems to be the abnormal condition which is common to all cases of epilepsy. The proof of this may be new but the supposition is old even antedating Hughlings Jackson who said in 1870 'It is I speculate. through the arteries that sequence of movements is developed, whether these movements be spasms. passing up the arm and down the leg or whether they be orderly sequences of movements in health '

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surgeon carrying out the treatment Vornesenskig (34) reports the cases of 7 patients operated upon for traumatic jacksonian epilepsy. only 1 of whom remained free of symptoms for a period of a year and a half. He concludes that the surgery of jacksonian epilep.y today has only a clinical, empirical foundation without an en couraging outlook. This point of view, honever is held by few as most observers have reported a reasonably high incidence of freedom from ser zures over a period of years after radical excision of all of the cortical scar with or without repair of bony defects in the skull (1. . 4 11 12 18. 10 26, 27, 33)

Vasco (32) reported an interesting case of what appeared to be epilepsy resulting from trauma in which operation disclo ed a tumor formation in the scarred area, apparently a meningeal fibro

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The first operation on a diverticulum of the esophs was performed in 1830 by Bell who established external fistula. The first extirpation was done 884 by Nichaus Subsequently, other methods 1 as the invagination of Gérard-Bevan, the diculopery of Schmid, and resection in two stages 3 preferred.

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The patient is given sweetened water for fortyeight hours, boiled milk and sterile water until the fifth day, semiliquid food until the fourteenth day,

and then an ordinary diet

The authors have obtained a complete cure with this method in 90 per cent of their cases. They believe that no other procedure gives as good late results as one-stage resection.

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### NECK

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The scalenus anticus syndrome is a clinical entity, the manifestations of which are identical with those of cervical rib The authors' interest in this condition was stimulated by the observation of a case in which no cervical rib could be demonstrated, but a typical cervical rib syndrome was present. The nature of the condition was suspected only after an informal discussion with Naffziger, who related the histories of two similar cases in which complete relief was given by sectioning of the scalenus anticus muscle, a procedure advocated by Adson and Coffey in 1027 for the relief of cervical rib symptoms. Naffziger beheved that the symptoms in his cases were caused by pressure on the brachial plexus and the subclavian artery by the scalenus anticus muscle, as Adson and Coffey had previously concluded that the symptoms in cases with cervical rib were due to compression of the subclavian structures in the angle between the scalenus anticus muscle and the cervical rib

Two widely cited theories concerning the symptoms of cervical rib, which are based on anatomical dissection, are those advanced by Todd and Jones According to Todd, compression of the subclavian structures results from abnormal development of the shoulder girdle Normally, during intra-uterine and pre-adolescent development, the acromial end of the clavicle and the shoulder descend because of the weight of the upper extremity, and the sternal end of the clavicle descends because of contraction of the rectus abdominis muscle exerted through the sternum No symptoms occur unless there is a greater descent of the shoulder or an arrest of the descent of the sternum and the anterior ends of the ribs Either one or both of these abnormalities will result in compression of the subclavian structures because of stretching of the brachial plexus and the subclavian vessels over a fixed cervical or first dorsal rib According to Jones, cervical rib symptoms are due to an abnormal development of the brachial plexus

occupational incidence has been generally attributed to exposure to the sun Scant consideration has been given to the possibility that contact with tar might be a contributing factor

Tar is employed extensively in the fishing industry. being used on the nets to prevent rotting. It be comes smeated on the hands and arms of the fishermen, particularly in hot weather when the tar is soft, and then carried by the hands to the fare Moreover it is a common practice of fishermen to hold in the mouth the large wooden shuttle like needle' used in the mending of nets

Although pine tar is used to some extent on fishing nets by far the great majority of tarred nets are

treated with coal tar It is interesting that the fishermen themselves appreciate the difference between coal tar and pine tar The latter they recognize as bealing and fre quently apply at to minor abrasions and hemorrhoids Coal tar they find especially troublesome in hot weather, when it causes an intense burning of the

skin In the handling and renaiting of tarred nets fishermen in the Massachusetts region are exposed to the most strongly carcinogenic type of tar

namely, horizontal retort gas works tar The author reports eight eases of cancer of the hip in fishermen in which exposure to tar appeared to be an important causative factor

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It is generally agreed that in cancer of the tongue aurgical removal of the cancer and all involved glands is the procedure offering the most bone for permanent cure Radium and roentgen arradiation may relieve the pain but do not cure Irradiation is of most value as postoperative treatment. A prerequi ite for the auccess of operation is early diag nosis. The fact that the incidence of permanent recovery after radical operation is only 15 per cent shows that 85 per cent of persons with cancer of the tongue come too late for operation. The entire problem of cancer of the tongue is the problem of early

diagnosis the problem of treatment has been solved Most frequently cancer of the tongue appears in one of two forms which in the beginning are easily differentiated chinically (r) a carcinomatous ulcer extending superficially and (2) the so called glan dular cancer which develops from the tissues under

the mucosa

To prevent misunderstanding it should be emphasized that all cancers of the tongue are typical squamous-cell cancers with numerous areas of cor mification

In both clinical forms the first end stage is a crater like more or less shallow or deep ulcer This is the latest stage at which the tumor can be re moved It is followed by infiltration which pro-

gressea rapidly because of the richness of lymphatics in the region of the tongue. In the early stage the chincal manifestations are easily disregarded and often are discovered only accidentally because as a rule there is no pain When the infiltrating proc ess begins it causes excruciating pain difficulty in apeech dysphagia severe neuralgia and a putrid odor from the mouth. The patient soon becomes exhausted and dies of manition. The regional lymph glands become involved so early that sometimes th patient notices their enlargement before he is aware of the tongue lesson Four lymph gland regions are particularly involved and of promostic importance (1) the submaxillary (2) the sublingual, (3) the deep cervical (on the internal jugular vein) and (a) the supraclavicular The submental lymph nodes play only a minor role in the spread of the condition. It is important to bear in mind the fact that the lym phatics on both aides of the tongue are very closely related to each other being interwoven Therefore the glands on both sides may be involved even when the lesson is on only one side

Cancer of the tongue 12 extremely rare before the thirtieth year of age and occurs much more fre quently in men than in women. The author empha sizes the great importance in its development of ienkopiakia of the tongue and the chronic decubital picers so familiar to the dentist which often occur in amokers as the result of epithelial thickening due to leukoplakia That the excessive use of strong alcoholic beverages is a cause of cancer of the tongue has no been proved. A high percentage of persons with cancer of the tongue give a history of syphilis Fifty per cent of all cancers in betel nut chevers involve the tongue and mouth

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canclusu e In discussing the differential diagnosis the author atates that spindle cell sarroms and lymphosarcoma are located more on the dorsum of the tongue rarely disintegrate and metastasize early and often to the lungs Ber go tumors seldom cause difficulty in the differential diagnosis. More apt to be confused with cancer of the tongue are the so called strums of the tongue and the ingual tonal. The greatest difficulty in the differential diagnosis is caused by syphi hs tuberculosis and actinomy cosis. The primary lesson of syphilis is readily recognized but recogni tion of the gumma is more difficult. In contrast to carcinoma the latter is frequently multiple seldom causes enlargement of the neighboring lymph glands and is never accompanied by earache. The diagnosis is confirmed by biopsy and sometimes by antisyphilitic treatment. Tuberculous ulcers are not rare in open tuberculosis In contrast to carcinoma they are extremely sensitive to the touch hmoh gland enlargements due to tuberculosis are soft and only slightly painful Actinomycosis occurs neually on the anterior part of the tongue When

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The article is supplemented by several drawings in color, photomicrographs, and roentgenograms

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Nelson, P. A., and Hirsch, E. F.: Roentgen Radiation Necrosis of the Larynx and Other Structures of the Neck. J Am M Ass, 1935, 228 1576.

Irradiation injuries of the throat have been recorded by numerous observers. Some of them resulted in death, usually following late manifestations. The lesions for which the irradiation was given included a wide variety of actual or alleged disorders. Carcinoma of the larynx was the most frequent, but many of the conditions were benign. The dosage varied widely from what was considered

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A study of normal cerebral structures by encephalography revealed a defect in the lower wall of the lateral ventricle at the junction of the body with the occipital and temporal horns. This defect, which was frequently seen in the normal encephalogram in both the lateral and the anteroposterior views, was found to be due to the projection of the choroid plexus into this portion of the lateral ventricle. It was present in 41 per cent of a series of ventriculograms and 50 per cent of a series of encephalograms. As measured from the lateral view with the patient in the horizontal position its average dimensions were 10 by 6 mm. The maximum normal was 15 by 15 mm.

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hemorrhagic These findings together with the facts that the location of the abnormally large defect corresponded to the glomus of the choroid plexus, that the defect occurred only after ventriculography and only on the side of the ventricular puncture when a single puncture was done, that the disease from which the patient was suffering was unrelated to the defect of the ventricle, and that no defect of large size was observed in 1,400 encephalograms indicated a relationship between the ventricular puncture and the filling defect

Constantini, H., and Curtillet, E: A Case of Bilateral Facial Paralysis. Spinofacial Anastomosis and Resection of the Superior Cervical Ganglion on Both Sides (Paralysie faciale bilatérale. Anastomose spino-faciale et résection du ganglion cervical supérieur des deux cotes) Lyon chir, 1935, 32.

A man twenty-two years of age suffered a fracture of the skull which resulted in bilateral facial paralysis complicated by paralysis of the external oculomotor on both sides. Without doubt there was a fracture of both petrous bones. His face was mask-like and speech was difficult. Salva ran from his mouth. Surgery was delayed for six months on the chance of spontaneous improvement, but as no improvement occurred operation was performed. The delay was justifiable as there were no lesions of the cornea.

The two methods generally used in such cases are the old one of anastomosis between the spinal or hypoglossal nerve and the facial nerve, and the more recent one of Leriche, resection of the superior spinal ganglion. In the case reported the authors performed both operations in four stages. They performed the anastomosis first on the left side and then on the right side and then the resection first on the left side and then on the right side The final result was excellent although the recovery of normal movement and expression of the facial muscles was gradual. As it was impossible to anastomose with the hypoglossal nerve on both sides, the spinal accessory was used on both sides At first there was a simultaneous contraction of the muscles of the face when the shoulders were lifted, but this ceased after a year

As neither anastomosis nor resection of the ganglia is complete in itself, the authors recommend a combination of the two operations although they think it may be preferable to perform both operations on one side at the same time, making it a two-stage rather than a four-stage operation. Leriche's operation has the advantage of giving an immediate result and should be performed at once if the eyes are in danger. It may even correct a paralysis of the external oculomotor as it did on one side in the author's case. It corrects the lagophthalmos and generally restores the ability to close the eyes. The anastomosis restores facial expression by restoring the tonus of the facial muscles.

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#### SPINAL CORD AND ITS COVERINGS

Mackay R P and Favill, J Syringomyella and an Intramedullary Tumor of the Spinal Cord treh Neurol & Paschial 103 33 1255

The authors report a case in which syringors cha and an intramedulary tumor occurred simul taneously. The two conditions appeared to be very closely related and a part of the same process. The usual symptoms of synne imvelia were lacking although a considerable portion of the spinal cord was involved From these ob ervations the authors con clude that the occurrence of spins binds occults hydrocephalus embryological malformations and other developmental anomalies with or without vague and otherwise inerphrable neurological findings should lead one to suspect the presence of a subclinical form of syringomy cha

In the case reported the pathological process was obstously a ghal proliferation with the cellular ele ments consisting predominantly of fibrillary astro eytes and immature ependymal spongioblasts. The term "chose" has been used in refereing to this tuene but since it is distinctly blastomatrus it must be needly senarated from the gliosis which is second

ary to the destruction of nerve parenchyma The tumor was a typical enendamphia toma and there were many areas which were strikingly similar to the primary epend) mal gliosis of syring impelia It was as if the ependymoble stoma had developed in the pre existing sympamicha. The primary ependy mai ghosis of syringomyelia was therefore a tissue composed of ependymal spongioblasts and their descendant astrocties while the tumor was a turns composed of ependumal proppoblasts and their descendants immature enendymal cells

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with an intramedullary tumor

Simple gliete tipe Four mechanisms seem to lead to the development of this type. These are Malformation of the medial dorsal septum In this condition the neural crests remain entirely

separated and the central cavity is in free communi cation with the subarachnoid shave

Ghal proliferation This change follows and is

po sibly due to dy raphism. The probleration involving the spongioblastic descendants of the germinal cells results in the primary ependemal glosss which may include the central canal or occur entirely in the septum

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2 Central degeneration This is probably de pendent upon inadequacy and gradual obstruction of the blood supply in the central areas of the glosis It is the heal step in the process and leads to cavita tion The cavity may represent in part the original defect in the formation of the septum

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Mycomatous tumors enstitute only ahout o 18 per cent of tumors of the breast. Fure mycoma of the breast is very rare. Mycomatous tissue is usually associated with other negalistic tissues, both epithelial and connective issue. The types of my or mal listed in the literature include the adenomyzoma, fibrorly aoma, chondrowyzoma legom-veryzoma and astromycoma. The e also may be combined.

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Martoreti J Rapidly Disseminating Cancers of the Breast (Los canceres manaros de disemmación rápida). Rev de curue de Barcelona. 1935 5. 217

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This article is based on 200 cases of pulmonary tuberculous treated surgically -- 122 at the State Hospital, Surgical Department A of the University Clinic at O.Jo., is at the Vardaasen Sanatoreum, and 30 at the Clittre Sanatorium. Twelve types of operations were performed. The authors' findings and conclusions are summarized as follows

The results of all operations are dependent essentially on the collepse of the cavity achieved With very few exceptions, the patients whose cavities vere completely collapsed became clinically free from symptoms and bacilli and fit for work, while those whose cavities were not completely collapsed did not become free from symptoms or fit for work, and continued to harbor bacilli. Many of the latter subsequently died of the tuberculous.

These facts demonstrate that the surgical treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis is to a very great degree cavity therapy The size and site of the cavity are the factors determining the type and extent of the collapse effect required Non-cavernous, more or less latent infiltrations usually do not

require surgical collapse therapy

2 Examination to determine the site of the cavity in 136 unselected cases of surgical pulmonary tuberculosis demonstrated isolated cavities in one

of the upper lobes in 128 cases and envities in the middle and lower lobes in 8 cases. This proves that in the great majority of cases of surgical pulmonary tuberculo-is rollapse of only the upper lobe is required. In other words, there is great need for

selective operations on the upper lobe

3 In studies of the ability of the different operative methods to meet the demands made by the conditions of the cavity it v.s found that paravertebral total thoracophisty does not have a selective effect and does not produce definite effective collipse of the upper labe. Of 20 patients subjected to this operation, effective collapse of the cavity ers achieved in only 7. It is therefore apparent that the paravertebral total thoracoplasts does not produce the desired mechanical effect on the upper lobe. The dehelency of the collapse of the upper lobe after this operation is due partly to dehelent relaxation from one side to the other (i.e., insulucient resection of the upper ribs) and partly to failure of relixation of the long from above and from behind.

The principal requirement is relaxation of the lung permitting the cavity to shrink concentrically. Attempts have been made to achieve this by combining an extensive apicolosis with extensive resec-

tion of the upper ribs

5. After trials with different methods, we adopted the extrafa-cril apicolysis described by Semb, comlined with total extirpation of the first rib and total or subtotal extirpation of the second rib, with relection of the subject tibs to the extent indi-

cated by the extension of the process

Of 96 patients subjected to Semb's extrafascial apicolysis and resection of ribs in the State Hospital and the Vardausen Sanatorium, complete collapse of the creaty was obtained in 88. Of the 8 in which complete collapse was not obtained, I were operated upon only a few weeks before this report was made. It appears therefore that the mechanical effect produced on the cavities by thoracoplisty with extrafascial apicolysis is definitely superior to that produced by paravertebral total thoracoplasty or by Graf's upper lobe thoracoplasts

This was demonstrated also in the cases in which collapse of the cavity was not achieved by the ordinary paravertebral thoracoplasty or the Graf thorecoplasty, but was obtained later by thoracoplasty with extrafascial apicolysis. Complete collapse of the cavity was obtained in 10 out of 11 cases in which such re-operations were performed

6 As shown by rountgenograms, the selective effect of apical thoracoplasty with extrafascial apicolysis is very marked. The extent of the collapse may be varied as required. In other words, the method may be individualized to a pronounced degree

7. The number of cases in which each of the different operations was performed was too small to permit comparative statistics of mortality. However, a comparison of the results of the operations at the State Hospital and the Vardaasen and Glittre Sanatoriums shows that in 77 cases in which apical thoracoplasty with resection of the fourth to sixth ribs and extrafascial apicolysis was done there were a postonerative deaths The mortality of somewhat less than a per cent indicates that this method involves a very reasonable operative risk Investigations regarding the postonerative changes showed that particularly the apical thoracoplastics do not reduce the expectorative ability to the same extent as total thoracoplasty As expectorative ability following the selective apical thoracoplastics is relatively good these operations are attended by less risk of postoperative pulmonary complications such as atelectasis pneumonia and bronchal oh struction which constitute the most serious danger of thoracoplasty

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According to whether the indication was collapse of the apex of the lung the entire upper lobe or the entire lung the extrafascial apicolysis has been combined with apical thoracoplasty (resection of the fourth fifth and sixth upper rubs) upper lobe thoracoplasty (resection of the seventh and eighth upper rubs) or total thoracoplasty (resection of nine rubs or more)

The chef advantage of extrafascul sprodysar is that it takes the form of an anatomical dissection under direct vision. This insures safe bemostass and facilitates mobilization particularly of the upper posterior and medial parts of the lung which are affixed to the neurovascular trunk, the spinal column and the mediastion.

8 The postoperative course has been closely fol loved by roenigen examination at intervals of a few

days from the day of the operation The most irequent and important complications have been pulmonary complications depending on retention of bronchial secretion due to reduction of the ability to expectorate (bronchial obstruction attlectum) precumonar mechanical sufficiation) off the total number of 14 deaths 8 were due to lung complications.

Tostoperative atelectasis was revealed in approximately 50 per cent of the cases in which roentgen examinations were made. Fatlal primary heart debility and fatal shock occurred in only 1 case each One patient dided of air embolism during an attempt at re-operation. Tuberculin shock was never determined to the control of the control o

observed The risk involved in thoraconlasty is therefore dependent essentially upon the extent to which expectorative ability is impaired and retention of bronchial secretion occurs after the operation Expectorative ability is impaired by extensive resection of ribs suspended mobility of the dia phragm and poor fixation of the mediastinum Therefore it is of importance to avoid too extensive resection of ribs in I stage to avoid phremicectomy as a preliminary operation to thoracoplasts and to take particular care when operating upon patients with a mobile mediastinum. Our material demon strates that pulmonary complications occur more frequently after major thoracoplasties than after apical thoracoplasties and more frequently in phrenicectomized patients than in patients with a normal diaphragm

10 We consider phrenicectomy to be damaging in a double sense when cavities are situated in the upper lobe because it destroys the sound lower lobe and increases the danger of pulmonary complica

tions after a subsequent thoracoplasty

11 Parafin packing is unable to compete with

apical thoracoplasty with extrafascial apicolysis

12 Like most other surgeons we attach great
importance to the choice of the right time and the
most favorable phase for the operation. The most

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Strieder J W, and Alexander J Multiple Inter costal Neurectomy for Pulmonary Tuberculosis J Thoracie Surg. 1935, 4, 473

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The operation described is usually performed in two stages separated by an interval of one or two weeks apart It is done under local anesthesia. The posterior 3 or 4 cm of the second to the sixth intercostal nerves should he resected, but the seventh to the ninth or tenth should be only crushed as these are the motor nerves to the upper ahdominal muscles

Of twenty cases so treated, an apparent cure was obtained in three, arrest of the condition in one, improvement in ten, and no improvement in one

Five of the patients died

In conclusion the authors say that the operation should not he done unless hed rest and pneumothorax have been tried and have failed

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Pollock, W. C: Thoracoplasty and Contralateral Artificial Pneumothorax. J. Thoracic Surg, 1935, 4 502

Bilateral pulmonary tuberculosis may be treated successfully by performing thoracoplasty in the presence of a contralateral artificial pneumothorax. Pneumothorax should be induced on the less involved side and continued as an expansile type of compression for a sufficient period to warrant the application of more radical therapy of the side on which pneumothorax cannot be induced effectively.

Bilateral pneumothorax, at one time a rather radical procedure, is now used rather extensively. The procedure described is advocated as a further advance in the gradual evolution of compression therapy. The cases in which it is to be used must be very carefully selected. The rib resection must be sufficient to permit collapse of the diseased area while the relatively uninvolved portion is left free for respiratory function.

In the twelve cases in which the author has performed this operation since 1931 there were no operative deaths. In four cases the operation was done in 2 stages. In all of the cases the results were excellent. Pollock states that patients with a vital capacity 40 per cent of the normal should experience little operative respiratory difficulty. All of his patients are given glucose orally for twenty-four hours and 6 gr of sodium amytal in preparation for nitrous oxide oxygen anesthesia. Postoperatively they are given oxygen at intervals, and frequent lung inflation is practised.

GEORGE A COLLETT, M D

Epstein, A.: Complex Cases of Bronchial Dilatation (Quelques cas complexes de dilatations bronchiques) Rev méd de la Suisse Rom, 1935, p 470

Four cases of bronchial dilatation with various

complications are reported in detail

The first case was one of bronchiectasis complicated by psoriasis in a man fifty-one years of age At the age of thirty-nine years the patient had suffered an attack of grippe and bilateral hronchopneumonia followed by chronic cough and expectoration persisting for two or three years, occasional hemoptysis, and attacks of slight fever Examination revealed bronchiectasis of the left hase Cure

was effected by the administration of anastil and the intratracheal application of filtered autogenous vaccine. During a transitory spontaneous remission of his bronchorrheic condition, the patient suffered from a generalized eruption of a pruriginous type, which was particularly marked about the elbows and knees. The rash was diagnosed as an atypical psoriasis, being more infiltrative than desquamative. As the pulmonary condition improved the psoriasis grew worse. Similar cases have been reported hy Lacroix, who attributes the skin manifestations to variations in the cholesterin of the blood. Melanoderma complicating hronchiectasis has also been reported.

The author's second case was one of congenital hronchiectasis with secondary hronchial asthma in a man twenty-nine years of age who had suffered from chronic purulent hronchorrhea following an attack of influenzal pneumonia on the left side Whenever an exacerbation of the hronchorrhea occurred, as, for instance, after an attack of grippe, the patient suffered from a moderate, continuous dyspnea When the bronchorrhea improved, the dyspnea became more severe, taking on an expiratory, asthmatiform aspect. Then for a time an asthmatic state developed during intervals between the attacks of infectious hronchorrhea This alternation gradually hecame more accentuated A diagnosis of bronchiectasis of the left hase was made. A series of about twenty injections of anastil cured the bronchorrhea, but the secondary asthma grew worse therapy and phosphoric acid were then administered, with the result that in a few months the patient was cured except for only a slight residual dyspnea and emphysema for which gold salts will he prescribed

The third case was one of ankylosing rheumatism and bronchial dilatation in a man of fifty-six years The patient first developed rheumatism following an attack of gonorrhea at the age of twenty-five years Later, an attack of bilateral influenzal hronchopneumonia was followed by ankylosing rheumatism of the thoracic spine terminating after eight years in total rigidity of the thorax and spine. The patient suffered also from recurrent iritis Various treatments were tried for the rheumatism, hut failed to give relief A few years later the Strumpell-Bechterew spondylosis was still further complicated by bronchitis followed by a progressive hronchorrhea with dyspnea Three months' treatment with anastil injections resulted in marked improvement in the hronchorrhea, and injections of atophanyl had somewhat increased the mobility of the spine when a motor accident and a dry pleurisy so weakened the patient that almost all hope of saving his life was lost The only chance for relief was offered by operative mobilization of the apical region of the lungs This was attempted by a modified Freund operation Shortly after the operation the patient died of other complications which included a dental abscess and pulmonary gangrene Autopsy revealed a fresh primary tuberculosis of the liver

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sulated pus pockets are present.

No patient not moribund is too sick for operation. The hope of cure depends upon early drainage. Paracentesis is essentially a diagnostic procedure without a therapeutic effect

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# ESOPHAGUS AND MEDIASTINUM

Manges, W. F., and Clert, L. H.: Congenital Anomalies of the Alimentary Tract; with Special Reference to the Congenitally Short Esophagus. .im J. Roccigenol., 1935, 33 657

The authors divide the congenital anomalies of the alimentary tract into the following six groups: (1) atresia, (2) variations in the lumen, (3) variation in length, (4) variations in position, (5) adventitious

membranes, and (6) diverticulum

In discussing the atresias, they emphasize that an early diagnosis should be made by roentgen studies before surgical intervention is undertaken, and that the report of the findings of the roentgen examination should indicate particularly the length of the upper segment, or rather the level with relation to the vertebra at which this segment terminates have not seen any cases of congenital atresia of the esophagus below the level of the bifurcation of the trachea. When there is atresia of the upper esophagus, the presence of air in the stomach and intestines constitutes definite evidence that the lower segment of the esophagus communicates with the respiratory tract. The distribution of the intestinal gas may indicate also the site of stenosis lower in the gastro-intestinal tract

Variations in the lumen may occur in any part of the gastro-intestinal tract. Narrowing has been found in the congenitally short esophagus and the

small howel, but never in the stomach

The authors discuss congenital shortening of the esophagus in detail. They raise the question as to whether the large number of so-called "congenital hernias" of the diaphragm recorded in the literature were studied with the possibility of the presence of a

short esophagus in mind

The diagnosis of congenital short esophagus rests upon the roentgen findings. A portion of the stomach must be shown to remain above the diaphragm, and the esophagus must be shown to be too short to reach the diaphragm. In the cases of adults, the best roentgenograms are obtained in the right oblique prone position. The esophagogastric junction is usually at the level of the seventh or eighth thoracic vertebra.

In the cases reviewed the authors were unable to demonstrate roentgenographically the esophageal ulcers that were seen through the esophagoscope The main symptoms were dysphagia, regurgitation, pain, and dysphea The findings of esophagoscopy consisted of a short esophagus, narrowing at the esophagogastric junction, a dilated portion of the

food passageway lined by gastric mucosa above the diaphragm level, and absence of the normal hiatus esophagus

Among other congenital anomalies of the gastrointestinal tract which are referred to briefly by the authors are non-rotation of the cccum, pto-is, adventitious membranes such as Juckson's veil, and diverticula of the bowel Louis Spepers, M.D.

Carroll, G. G.: Spontaneous Pneumothorax Coincident with Esophagoscopy: A Report of Two Cases Arch Otelaryngel, 1935, 21: 515

In the first of the two cases of spontaneous pneumothorax reported the condition was fatal. The author attributes it to a rupture of a pleural adhesion causing an opening in the visceral pleura. In this case there was a curvature of the esophagus to the right which was overlooked by the roent-genologist because the fluoroscopic examination was made in only the right oblique diameter.

Carroll believes that in the second case the pneumothorax may have been due to rupture of the visceral pleura by an emphysematous bleb, a

caseous tubercle, or some other factor

Roentgenograms made in the two cases are presented J Frank Doughts, M D

Calzolari, T.: Nerve Tumors of the Mediastinum (Tumori nervosi del mediastino) .lnr uol di chir, 1935, 14 15.

Only a very few tumors of the posterior mediastinum are amenable to surgical attack. These include hydatid cysts, dermoid cysts, and primary tumors Calvolari discusses ganglioneuromas and neurinomas. After reviewing the literature and the various theories regarding the pathogenesis and classification of these tumors, he reports six cases in which operation was performed for such neoplasms in Sauerbruch's clinic. The case histories are supplemented by roentgenograms, photographs of the gross specimens, and photomicrographs

Clinically, these tumors are usually silent and are discovered accidentally in the course of a general examination. Even tumors of considerable size are well tolerated in the mediastinum. When subjective symptoms occur they usually consist of a sense of constriction in the chest and infrequent respiratory crises. Objective changes of significance are rare. In only one of the reported cases was there any dilatation of the veins of the neck suggesting constriction of the superior vena cava. This absence of clinical changes is in contradistinction to the classical picture of mediastinal tumors. The classical picture is usually that of malignant tumors which as a rule are situated in close contact with the vital structures of the mediastinum.

The location of nerve tumors of the mediastinum is usually in the concave region of the chest at the junction of the ribs and vertebræ where, otherwise, little besides lung parenchyma is present, there is considerable room for expansion of the tumors, and the resulting lung compression is easily compensated

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genital

In all cases the diaphragm is definitely elevated, thinned out, and fibrotic The muscle tissue varies in amount and not infrequently is entirely lacking The lungs show no evidence of compression Abnormally lobulated and also aplastic lungs have been reported. In eventration on the left side the heart and mediastinum are displaced toward the right side. In the reports of cases of eventration on the right side the position of these structures was not stated Of the 183 cases collected by the authors, including 2 of their own, the lesion was on the left side in 165 and on the right side in only 18

Symptoms usually appear insidiously, but occasionally develop suddenly and are not characteristic They may be divided into the following groups (1) respiratory, (2) gastrointestinal, (3) circulatory, and (4) general Gastrointestinal and respiratory symptoms dominate the picture in the majority of cases. In the cases reviewed the gastro-intestinal symptoms, mentioned in order of decreasing frequency, were abdominal pain, vomiting, "pressure" in the stomach, gas, constipation, nausea, belching, loss of appetite, diarrhea, cramps, and heartburn The respiratory symptoms,

in the same order, were dysphea, pain in the chest, cough, and wheezing The cardiac symptoms were palpitation, cyanosis, and tachy cardia

On physical examination, the following typical but not pathognomonic signs may be noted: labored breathing (mild or severe) with cyanosis, diminished movement of the affected hemithorax, diminished tactile fremitis and breath sounds, displacement of the apex beat and the area of cardiac dullness, absence of Litten's sign, and the presence of Korn's or Hoover's sign

While none of the roentgen signs are pathognomonic, a number are strongly suggestive of the condition The latter are an unbroken, curved, convex line from the lateral wall of the chest to the mediastinum, and the so-called "cup and spill,"

"cascade type," or bilocular stomach

The climical diagnosis of eventration of the dia phragm is difficult because of the absence of pathognomonic signs and symptoms. The condition must be differentiated from diaphragmatic hernia, pleurisy with chinsion, thickened pleura, thoracic stomach, pulmonary cysts and tumors, atelectasis, emplysema, and neurosis.

The treatment is entirely symptomatic Surgical intervention has not been found to give markedly

successful results

The authors report two cases which they studied in detail A voluminous bibliography is appended to the article ARTHUR S W TOLROFF, M D

for by the remander of the lung. The left thorace cavity is smoothed more frequently than the right. This may be explained by early embryonic development. The left isded rolation of the beart may be a factor. Other influences which may play a role are the pressure of the relatively, large embronic heart and later possible pressure from disphragmatic her may from the absence of a lung. Nerve tumors of the mediastinium are three times as frequent in females as in males and are most common in wing persons. The average age of the patients whose cases are revined was thrently four years.

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At least 50 per cent of gastric cancers are inoper-That they are so often able when discovered inoperable is due primarily to the fact that early cancer, unless obstructive, often gives rise to few and only petty symptoms or none at all and the patient therefore does not seek medical aid. The only way by which such cancers can he revealed is by periodic health examinations, including roentgenological investigation of the stomachs of all adults.

# Hunt, V. C.: Operability of Carcinoma of the Stomach Ann Surg, 1935, 101 1200

According to data received from the American Society for the Control of Cancer for the year 1930 for the continental registration area, including the District of Columbia hut not including Texas, there were r15,265 deaths from cancer Of these, 25,408 (22 per cent) were due to cancer of the stomach and duodenum

Billroth performed the first gastric resection for cancer of the stomach in 1881. Since that time, partial gastrectomy has become well-established in the treatment of operable malignant disease of the stomach The various methods of restoring the continuity of the gastro-intestinal tract advocated by Kocher, Polya, Balfour, and others are not radical departures from the original Billroth I procedure in which, following gastric resection, the stomach and duodenum are united directly. In the Billroth II procedure the ends of the stomach and duodenum are closed after the resection and contimuity is established by posterior gastrojejunostomy Today, the Billroth I and II procedures remain the methods of choice following resections of the pyloric third of the stomach The Polya method is applicable in gastric resection above the pyloric third of the stomach when the stomach or duodenum are not readily united or posterior gastrojejunostomy is not readily accomplished

With the advent and perfection of roentgenological diagnosis of lesions of the gastro-intestinal tract, the diagnosis of carcinoma of the stomach has reached a high degree of accuracy Nevertheless, the operability of malignant gastric lesions remains very low. The most able chincians still find it extremely difficult to make an early diagnosis of carcinoma of the stomach, chiefly because early signs and symptoms are entirely lacking or insignificant Except in cases of cancer encroaching on the cardia or pylorus, the symptoms may be very few even when the lesion is advanced. A lesion situated at the cardia precludes removal even in an early stage of the disease, while the lesion is still intrinsic Gatewood

states that 144 per cent of carcinomas of the stomach are situated at the cardia Frequently clinical evidences of inoperability are observed at the initial examination A palpable, firm, fixed sentinel gland in the left supraclavicular region, infiltration of the umbilicus, a firm, nodular rectal shelf, a hard nodular liver, and associated jaundice with or without ascites denote inoperability. On the basis of these criteria, cancer of the stomach is clinically inoperable in more than 50 per cent of cases

In 149 cases of carcinoma of the stomach operated upon by the author in the past ten years, the incidence of operability in terms of resection was found by exploration to be 36 2 per cent. Operability in terms of curative resection or partial gastrectomy has varied from 4 8 to 33 per cent. In recent years operability in terms of resection has materially increased. The mortality of resection has also increased materially with the increasing frequency of resection. Persson reported an increase in the mortality of resection from 25 to 38 per cent during the two decades from 1006 to 1926 In 1930, Gatewood reported a mortality of 32 per cent in cases treated by resection. In 1932, he stated that the mortality had been reduced to about r8 per cent In 1932, Balfour reported a remarkable series of 200 cases in which partial gastrectomy was done with only 10 deaths in the hospital. The factors of most importance in the lowering of the mortality have been the newer methods of improving the general condition of the patient prior to surgical exploration, repeated gastric lavage in cases with retention, the administration of glucose and physiological saline solution to combat dehydration and restore the normal balance of the blood chemistry, and pre-operative blood transfusion Experience has demonstrated that partial gastrectomy for malignant disease can be accomplished with a mortality not exceeding 10 per cent. The mortality of gastric resections above the pyloric half or twothirds of the stomach is higher. In a number of cases in which the disease was found on exploration to he limited to the stomach total gastrectomy has been performed. The mortality of this procedure will always be high, hut at times the risk is entirely justifiable

Gastro-enterostomy has frequently heen performed as a palliative procedure in the treatment of cancer of the stomach Gatewood reported that all of his patients subjected to it were dead and the average length of life of those surviving the operation was less than nine months or only a little more than two months longer than the survival of patients whose condition was found on exploration to he unfavorable for operative procedures and who were therefore not treated surgically Hence it appears that in many instances a palliative gastroenterostomy merely prolongs the patients suffering Uncertainty as to the nature of the gastric lesion may warrant a short-circuiting operation, especially if the mass, presumed at operation to he carcinoma, ultimately disappears

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Gordon-Taylor reports also his experiences with multiple and complex resection of the alimentary canal in cases of (1) malignant disease, (2) severe involvement of the bowel in pelvic disease, (3) tuberculosis of the intestine, (4) non-tuberculous infective granuloma of the intestines, (5) acute intestinal obstruction, (6) gunshot wounds, (7) anastomotic ulcers, (8) restorative resections, (9) recurrent resections Thirty-eight cases are reported He estimates the total number of years added to the lives of twenty-three patients with complicated cancers at nearly one hundred years

The article contains many drawings and seven full-page illustrations in color Earl Garside, M.D.

Sussman, M. L.: Inflammation of the Descending Portion of the Duodenum. Radiology, 1935, 24 601

Sussman reports a study of eight cases in which the diagnosis of an inflammatory lesion of the descending portion of the duodenum was made by roentgen examination He emphasizes that duodenal inflammatory lesions occur distad to the duodenal bulb, particularly in the portion between the knee and the papilla major The clinical symptoms are much like those of duodenal ulcer, but the duodenal bulh shows little or no change roentgenologically and a lesion in the descending portion of the duodenum is either overlooked or difficult to demonstrate Any study of the descending duodenum is based upon very limited pathological material In two of the author's cases operation was performed, but the information obtained was not very satisiactory

The outstanding features were a relatively slight to marked narrowing of the lumen of the duodenum between the upper knee and the papilla major, marked irritability, irregularity in outline or unusual smoothness, and a marked disturbance in the longitudinal mucosal folds such that these folds had disappeared or were irregular in their distribution as demonstrated by the compression technique. In all of the author's eight cases a Graham test was made. The gall bladder filled and emptied normally, and no calculi were seen. In none of the cases was there a history of jaundice or biliary colic.

The differentiation of duodemtis from periduodemtis is difficult. It is stated by some that adhesions may produce marked deformity of the duodenal outline together with a more or less uniform

narrowing of the lumen Primary duodenal neoplasms are extremely rare. In the presence of a tumor the duodenal curve may be widened, whereas in the presence of stenosis the lumen is more irregular and the contour appears worm eaten

Clinically, inflammation of the descending duodenum is much like duodenal ulcer and may be indistinguishable from it. However, in ulcer the pain is regular whereas in inflammation it is apt to be irregular in time and intensity. In several of the cases reviewed there was nocturnal pain. Attacks of nausea and vomiting are relatively frequent in inflammation of the descending portion of the duodenum Between the attacks the patient is relatively well. Hemorrhage may be a frequent finding. It usually occurs in the form of melena. As a rule there is marked and prolonged hyperacidity, the clinical picture then suggesting peptic ulcer.

During recent years interest in duodenitis has been increasing Judd and Nagel define this condition as a chronic inflammation of the duodenum without calloused ulcers. They differentiate duodenal ulcer and duodenitis pathologically as follows:

In duodenal ulcer, the wall of the bowel is indurated, and, with slow perforation of the ulcer, a tumor may form as the result of the defensive reaction of the surrounding tissues. When the bowel is opened the ulcer crater is seen. In duodentis or submucus ulcer, examination reveals hyperemia and stippling of the serosa with little or no induration. There are no lesions of the mucosa or, at most, only small superficial abrasions. There is often a tendency toward circular constriction of the bowel, but it is frequently doubtful whether this is due to spasm or is a true narrowing.

Balfour states that inflammatory lesions of the duodenum are practically confined to the first 2 cm beyond the pylorus; that lesions seldom extend distally into the first portion of the duodenum, 1 e, distal to the bulb and still more rarely involve the ampulla of Vater, and that inflammatory lesions beyond this point are almost unknown.

The contributions of Duval, Roux, and Beclere indicate that the diagnosis of duodenitis cannot be made on the basis of the clinical and roentgenological findings alone. The etiology and pathogenesis of duodenitis are still disputed as is the relationship of the condition to gastritis in peptic ulcer. Konjetzny and others suggest that duodenitis is the precursor of duodenal ulcer.

In conclusion the author urges a careful study of the descending portion of the duodenum of normal persons and of persons with a history suggesting ulcer in whom no lesion is demonstrable in the stomach or duodenal bulb John W Nuzum, M D

Placeo, F., and Stoppani, F.: Cecoplication (La coecoplicatio) Clin. chir, 1935, 11 323

The authors report twelve cases of atonic cecum diagnosed roentgenologically in which eccoplication was performed. They conclude that eccoplication does not alter the anatomy of the ileocecal region

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The test is independent of bilirubin retention. It is negative in inflammations and obstructions of the biliary tract so long as the hepatic parenchyma is unimpaired. It is negative also in chronic passive congestion unless this condition is associated with circlosis or atrophy, and may be negative in cases.

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It is of great prognostic value in hepatitis Precipitation occurring at the onset of the disease presages a prolonged course of at least thirty days A positive test indicates more severe parenchymatous damage than is usually suspected in this condition. The test is of value particularly because of its ability to differentiate between parenchymatous liver damage, especially hepatitis, and various types of obstructive jaundice. In this regard it surpasses all other available diagnostic measures. In hepatitis it is not always parallel with the galactose test. The two tests supplement one another, each indicating different partial functional disturbances.

Leo M Zimmerman, M D

Lenormant, C, and Calvet, J.: Large Non-Parasitie Cysts of the Liver (Les grands kystes non parasitaires du foie) J de chir, 1935, 45. 715

Solitary non-parasitic cysts of the liver are rare Fewer than 100 cases have been reported. The authors present a tabular summary of 66 cases collected from the literature, refer in addition to 25 cases reported without detail by Mayo and Harrington, and bring up to date, the bibliography published in the *limals of Surgery* by Jones in 1023

They then report a case of their own, that of a woman forty-six years old who entered the hospital with an epigastric tumor. The patient had been well up until two years previously, when she began to have digestive disturbance and epigastric pain not related to the taking of food. She was treated by regulation of her diet and sent to a watering place for two seasons. During the second season the tumor developed. Examination on her admission to the hospital disclosed a tumor of the hyer. Operation by marsupialization was followed by uneventful recovery.

The majority of non-parasitic cysts of the liver are cystadenomas with an epithelial lining which is generally made up of a single row of high cylindrical or cubical cells very similar to those of the epithelium of the hepatic ducts. Sometimes the epithelium is dattened and polyhedral, particularly in large cysts in which it seems to have been affected by intracystic pressure. These cysts are beingn tumors

originating from abnormal proliferation of the intrahepatic bile ducts There are no very characteristic clinical symptoms except pain and the tumor itself which may be quite large and often fluctuating The biological reactions for echinococcus cyst are nega-The tumor increases in size slowly and progressively Like other gland cysts, it may be complicated by hemorrhage, rupture, torsion, or compression It may simulate various other abdominal conditions Even after the diagnosis of liver cyst has been made and operation has been begun it is necessary to rule out cysts due to dilatation of the extrahepatic bile ducts, lymphatic and blood cysts, and dermoid cysts, which are much rarer The preferable treatment is total excision if there is a line of cleavage between the cyst and the liver parenchyma. If there is no line of cleavage and it is necessary to incise the liver parenchyma, the operation is difficult technically and there is danger of serious hemorrhage Under such conditions marsupialization is to be preferred.

AUDREY GOSS MORGAN, M D

Moore, C.: Cholecystographic Diagnosis of Papillomas and Tumors of the Gall Bladder. Am. J. Roentgerol, 1935, 33 630.

Since the publications of Kirklin and Hefke demonstrating the possibility of visualizing tumors of the gall bladder by cholecystography, the author has made a careful search for tumor shadows in cholecystograms. He has been impressed with the necessity of obtaining cholecystograms showing greater detail and more views at different angles. He reports three cases in which tumor shadows were noted and a tumor was found at operation

ADOLPH HARTUNG, M D.

Henderson, F. F., and King, E. S. A.: Acute Pancreatitis. Arch Surg, 1935, 30 1049.

The authors review the cases of sixty patients with acute pancreatitis who were treated surgically at the Boston City Hospital during the last fifteen years. They state that, in spite of much study, the results of treatment of this condition have not shown improvement to any degree comparable to that obtained in many other abdominal diseases. According to the literature, the mortality ranges between 40 and 80 per cent. In the cases reviewed it was 53-3 per cent. It was the lowest in those in which operation was performed between the second and sixth days.

It appears from this series, which, though small, is one of the largest to be reported, that acute pancreatitis is not as much of a surgical emergency as has been previously thought. The authors plan to be conservative in their treatment in the future and to delay operation to between the second and sixth days, choosing the time when the patient appears to have reached maximum recovery from

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#### De Tarnowsky G and Sarma P J The Surgical Treatment of Chronic Pancreatitis Ass Sure 1015 101 1212

The authors analyzed thirty cases of chrome nanereate is illustrating the extreme difficults of making a positive pre-operative diagnosis. They state that in the case of a cland having such varied and all im portant functions as the pancreas it would be much able to assume a priori that the clinical manifesta tions of a nathological condition would be many and almost nithernomenic Unfortunately however the only two striking clinical manufestations of chronic pancreautis are fat necrosis and pancreatic hemorrhage both of which are present only in the most severe cases and demonstrable only at opera tion. With the exception of acute hemorrhagic pan creatrus and carcinoma of the head of the panereas surgical intervention in cases of subscute or chronic panciestitis has not claimed the attention which these distunctions demand. Symptoms, when present are often due to compression of occans

Cliquelly pancreatic dysfunctions can be divi led into the following three main groups (1) disturbances of external secretion interfering with the diges tive apparatus in the subscute or chronic tures or producing autolysis in fulminating cases of parcre atte apoplexy (a) disturbances of internal secretion leading to gly cosuria and 13) carcinoma of the head

of the pancress That chronic pancreautis must be the result of repeated attacks of acute subsiding pancreatitis is evi dent Retrograde infection of the pancreas through the lymphatics from the gall bladder appendix or a duodenal ulcer is now regarded as extremels improbable l'ancreatic calculi gradually blocking one or both excretors ducts are so rare as to be surgical curs wites only about 100 cases have been recorded to date Hematogenous infection though possibly explaining some of the fulminating cases of acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis can be rejected insofar as chrome pancreatitis is concerned

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For prolonged dramage a rubber d am is left in the gall bladder or cystic duct for from ten to fur teen days and the fistula is kept open from low to six weeks longer. In very chronic cases it may be necessary to continue the drainage for months.

HOBARD \ McKNOUT M D

#### Whipple A O and Frantz V K Adenoms of Islet Cells with Hyperinsulinism Ans Smi 1935 101 1800

The authors first refer briefly to a number of classical articles selected from the volum rous liters ture on the panereas and trace the development of knowledge regarding the function of the differe t histological atructures of that organ. The first raw of turtor of the island cells was reported by Sichol S in 1904 In 1924 Banting discovered friel van in standardizing the dosage of this substance observed the symptoms of hyperinsulmism In 1915 Harris suggested spontaneous hyperinsulinism as a clinical possibility and in 1927 Wilder attributed beper insulinum to a pancreatic tumor In later investiga tions an ensulin like substance was found in pan creatic tumors

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insulin-like substance from the growths

The authors operate under spinal anesthesia. They make a transverse incision through both recti and divide the gastrocolic omentum widely. They then make a careful search for adenomas especially in the tail and body of the pancreas. If one such tumor is found they search for others. If no adenomas are found, they remove about two-thirds of the pancreas with the Percy cautery. Splenectomy and ligation of the splenic artery greatly reduce hemorrhage from small vessels. Drainage is advisable in partial pancreatectomy, but is not necessary in the removal of an adenoma

G DANIEL DELPRAT, M D

Bernhard: The Surgery of Acute Pancreatic Diseases (Die Chirurgie der akuten Pankreaserkrankungen) Zentralbl f Chir, 1935, P 532

Bernhard regards it as more probable that pancreatic disease is caused by vascular spasms resulting from irritation of the pancreatic nerves, especially the vagus nerve, than by ascending activation due to the entrance of bile into the duct of Wirsung On the basis of this theory, initial expectant treatment rather than early operation is to be considered. In this consideration it must be borne in mind that in 90 per cent of the cases the essential cause is in the biliary tract. The pathologico-anatomical classification of pancreatic diseases by Schmieden and Sebening into acute pancreatic edema with and without fat necrosis, hemorrhagic infarction, and pancreatic necrosis with foci of softening, sequestration, and abscess formation, is recommended

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nerve supply of the various viscera

Vinos studied the uterus of the sheep doe, cat. and newborn child by the Cajal Bielschonsky methylene blue and Golgi methody. He considers the Gold method the procedure of choice. He found that after entering the uterine wall the nerve fibers ero a it to the unction of the muscularis and the submucosa which is the nerve center of the organ This zone contains large nerve trunks which accompany the ve-sels and give off collaterals to the myometrium and mucosa. The nerve supplies of the two lavers are independent of each other and appar ently of the corresponding permascular pleauses

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A subspithelial plexus is formed by fibers which arise directly from the submucosal plexus pass through the mucosa we hout giving off collaterals and end in a network beneath the epithelial lining of the uterus As this layer of the mucosa contains no glands but is rich in vessels the subepithelial plexus may have a vascular significance

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tive factor. Infections, hepatic disorders, and intoucations (alcohol, benzine and phenol compounds, arsenic bismuth) are also important etiological factors and must be carefully searched for Paradoxically, the patients are subject also to phiebitis,

thrombosis, and embolism

The authors emphasize that these blood dyscrasias are frequently associated with endocrine disturbances and hereditary syphilis. A careful investigation from these angles is therefore extremely important. The glands chiefly involved are the ovary and the thyroid. Hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, or dysthyroidism may be present. Treatment of the hypothyroid state gives the most satisfactory results. The liver and spleen may also be affected. The latter is often greatly enlarged. Hereditary syphilis plays an important part in the production of these diatheses.

The most effective therapeutic measure in menorrhagias of the hematogenic type is hemotherapy. Small doses of whole blood or fresh human blood serum injected subcutaneously or intramuscularly often arrest a persistent menorrhagia very promptly The authors prefer heterohemotherapy Calcium is an important medicament Of the endocrine preparations, the authors prefer hemato-ethyroidine. However, the good results obtained with di-iodothyrosine indicate that hemato-ethyroidine acts, not through the ingested animal blood, but through its effect in counteracting hyperthyroidism Splenectomy and X-ray sterilization should be reserved for severe or recurrent cases Blood transfusion is indicated when the anemia is severe Only donors of the same type as the patient should be used

HAROLD C MACK, M.D.

Ollervides, R., Jr.: Diathermic Coagulation in Cervicitis (Diatermo-coagulación en cervicitis) Rev de cirug, Hospital Juarez, Mex., 1935, 281

Ollervides has treated more than seventy-five cases of cervicitis by diathermic coagulation with remarkably good results. He believes this is the method of choice for the condition. He states that irritating applications are not only useless but also dangerous as they predispose to cancer. In his experience, regional vaccination has given very few cures. Radiotherapy is partially effective but is difficult to apply and beyond the means of most patients. Diathermy is not a panacea. Sclerotic and adenomatous cervices do not yield to it and should be amputated.

The author uses the monopolar method for acute ulceration and chronic cases with extensive superficial erosions, and the bipolar method principally in the subacute, chronic, and hypertrophic forms he treats pre-adenomatous cervices by puncture with an acuiform monopolar electrode to a depth of 1½ cm. The intensity of the current varies from 200 to 800 ma, and the time from a few seconds to fifteen minutes. In cases of gonococal infection diathermy was combined with local vaccination. The lesions usually healed completely within a

month The treatment was harmless and painless in the great majority of cases, although a few patients had immediate nausea and a marked fall of the blood pressure. Two patients developed an alarming acute metritis and salpingitis, but these conditions subsided in a few days

The principal contra-indications to diathermic co-

agulation are:

r. Acute inflammations and chronic or even latent infections at other sites The latter must be carefully ruled out.

2. Local congestion. The procedure should not

be used in the premenstrual period

Pregnancy is not a contra-indication. The author used the treatment in four cases with complete success and without causing the slightest tendency to abort

The article contains drawings showing the progress of the cases M E Morse, M D.

Morillo, L.: Tuberculosis of the Uterine Cervix (Tuberkulose des Gebaermutterhalses) Zischr. f Geburtsh., 1935, 110 166

The author reports in detail seven cases of tuberculosis of the uterine cervix and then discusses the question whether tuberculosis is ever primary in the cervix From an analysis of all of the cases reported in the literature he has come to the conclusion that primary tuberculosis of the uterine cervix has never been definitely proved Of the seven patients whose cases he reports in this article the first had had a pulmonary abscess and symptoms referable to pleural and peritoneal involvement four years previously. The second, a girl twenty-one years old, gave a history of tuberculous peritonitis at the age of ten or eleven years and was suffering from active pulmonary tuberculosis The five other patients had had a pulmonary process for a period of years The treatment included radium and roentgen irradiation as well as ultraviolet irradiation

(HANS O NEUMANN). LEO A JUHNKE, M.D.

Traina Rao, G: Malignant Adenoma of the Cerrical Canal (L'adenoma maligno del canale cervicale) Riv stal di ginec, 1935, 18 38

The author reports nine cases of malignant adenoma of the cervical canal Eight were treated by hysterectomy plus bilateral removal of the adnexa and one was treated by radium irradiation because surgery was contra-indicated by the patient's general condition. The results were uniformly good and no recurrences were found in the follow-up, which in several cases extended over a period of five years.

The patients ranged in age from thirty-six to fifty-six years Five were between fifty and fifty-six years old Seven had borne from four to ten children, one was a primipara, and one was a nullipara

Copious and spontaneous bleeding was a constant sign. In four cases there was leucorrhea.

Bimanual examination usually revealed an enlarged cervix of irregular consistency and a normal vaginal mucosa. The diagnosis is dependent upon biopsy and microscopic examination. The histological characteristics of the malignant adenomas nece as follows.

1 Ordinary monostratineation of the epithelial cells which caused them to appear normal or nearly normal, a normal or increased secretory power an intact basal membrane and absolute absence of karyokinesis

2 Scarcity or absence of interglandular stroma 3 Fxuberant glandular infiltration of the deeper

A review of the literature reveals marked differences of opmon regarding the classification of these tumors. Some believe they should be class the das beings while other regard them as definitely malignant. Uniter sates that a purely beings form does not occur that careful study of sections will show carenomatous changes in sail. Puremoberate action and the study of the study of the concept of the study of the study of the concept of the study of the tasts as well as recurrence. The study of believes that the solution of the problem depends upon the bustlogical interpretation of early malignancy.

GEORGE C FINOLS M D

Sólournet P Cancer of the Cervix Following Subtotal fifsaterectomy (Cancer du col resiant après hysterectomie subtotale) Bull Soc d'obst et de gnile de l'ar 1935 24 278

Séjournet reports in detail a cases of carcinoma developing in the cervix after subtotal hysterectomy and discusses the problem of subtotal hysterectomy

and cancer in general
One of his patients had a pleuform carcinoma

and the other an adenocarcinoma. The patient aith the pleuform carcinoma died of anemia. The patient with an adenocarcinoma made an excellent two-year recovery after radium therapy. Sejournet gives a detailed review of the statistics on adenocarcinoma of the cervis.

In the literature for the period from 1926 to 1935 he found 302 cases of cervical cancer following sub

he found 302 cases total bysterectomy

According to 4 important statistical compilations by surgeons covering 2 931 surgically treated eases of cervical cancer the incidence of the condition following by sterectiony is 2 19 per cent. According to 4 s<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>/stical compilations from anti-cancer centers 1 th 3 4 7 per cent.

The lapse of time between the hysterectomy and the appearance of the cancer is variable. Of 188 cases reviewed the cancer manifested itself within a year in 48 and after from thritteen months to five years in 61. Carcets developing after five years may be considered primary and not related to the

hysterectomy
Of a series of 139 cases in which subtotal hys
terectomy was done the incidence of cancer in the
cervical stump was highest (64 6 per cent) in those
in which the operation was performed for fibroids

and next highest (24 2 per cent) in those in which it was performed for tubal lesions. The treatment indicated is almost entirely limited to irradiation. The results are mediocre

ALBERT F DE GROST M.D.

Richardson E H Total Versus Subtotal Ab dominal Hysterectomy in Benign Uterine Disease (m J Surg 1935, 23 553

Richardson 833 that no one can revor the voluminous fireature on total versus subtotal hysterectomy in beniga uterine disease without being profoundly impressed by the continued prevalence of beings diseases of the uterine cervix and their ectological relationship to cancer Because of this prevalence and relationship it is expenditual to enother a mornal cervix in conjunction with the continue of the continue o

Unlayorable experiences with the older operations del Richardson to develop a simplified technique for abdomani panh terectorm designed specifically or guard against the major hazards of the operation namely mortality hermorthage shock clamate to person the same of the same of the personal personal section of the same of the separation which is the section of the same of the separation which is the section of the same of the separation which is settled layors of simple and complicated leasons requiring such surgical treatment. Richardson recommends the simplified technique with great confidence to other surgeons who like himself have found to other operations. It is the same of the simple simp

#### ADNEXAL AND PERIUTERINE CONDITIONS

Norra G. The Behavior and Structure of the Round Ligament in Changes of the Position of the Uterus and Cases of Uterine Fibromyona (Comportamento e struttura del Jamento rotondo nelle alterazioni della statua uterina e pri fibromomi dell'uteria [Ingerologia 2015 1 20

Following a review of the literature on the suat omy and physiology of the various uterine liga ments and the manner in which the uterus is suspended and held in position the author repor s the findings of histological examinations which he made of the elastic and muscular layers of the round ligament. The subjects of his studies were a group of normal temales (two girls at puberty three multiparas two nulliparas and five women who had passed the menopause) a group of women with abnormal conditions of the genital tract (two with uterine retrofle you thirteen with retroversion and seven with enlargement of the uterus due to fibromyoma) and two nomen who were pregnant In every instance the length diameter and ten ile strength of the round ligaments were determined

In all of the cases of retroversion and retroflexion of the uterus there was a marked hypertrophy of the elastic and muscular tissues of the round ligaments This was not found in the cases in which the uterus The authors regard it as a was in good position functional hypertrophy.

The article includes eight photomicrographs showing the typical changes in the round ligaments

EUGENE T LEDDY, M D

Soria, G.: Anatomical Study of the Fallopian Tube with Regard to the Presence of Muscle Sphincters (Ricerche morfologiche sulla tromba utermo della donna allo scopo di rilevare se esistono in essa sfinteri muscolari) Arch di ostel e ginec, 1935, 42 269

In a series of roentgenograms of fallopian tubes injected with radio-opaque solutions Rossi and Dallera were able to demonstrate four constrictionsone at the junction of the uterine cavity and the tube, another at the junction of the pars interstitualis and the isthmus, a third at the lateral extremity of the isthmus, and a fourth at the abdominal They described these constrictions as orifice sphincters

For anatomical confirmation of these findings the author made serial sections of eleven normal tubes removed at operation for associated disease tailed microscopic studies were facilitated by special preparations which brought out the muscle fibers, blood vessels, and nerves From his findings Sona

draws the following conclusions:

r The innervation of the tuhe is intimately as-

sociated with the innervation of the ovary

2. The macroscopic sulci or depressions designated by Rossi and Dallera as sphincters were not true muscle sphincters but due to a peculiar annular distribution of the blood and nerve supply of the regions in which they were found

3 Anatomically, there are only two muscle bundles which can be called sphincters—one corresponding to the abdominal orifice and the other in the pars

interstitialis

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4 The structures recognized in the roentgenograms as sphincters cannot be demonstrated by morphological study and presumably must be interpreted as functional sphincters caused by the annular arrangement of the blood and nerve supply of the fallopian tube GEORGE C FINOLA, M D

Salamana, A. G.: Conservation of the Ovary in Hysterectomy (La conservación del ovario en la histerectomia) Rev de cirug, Hospital Juarez, Mex , 1935, 251

The author reviews the endocrine relationships of the ovaries and uterus Because of the mediocre results of gland therapy and ovarian transplantation, he advises that normal ovaries he conserved when bysterectomy is done. He states that be bas not encountered cystic or malignant degeneration of the ovaries following hysterectomy, but in order to prevent cystic degeneration the circulation and innervation of the ovaries must be carefully preserved When removal of the ovaries is necessary, ovarian transplantation should always he done and,

if possible, the uterus or a part of it should be preserved in order to assure functioning of the graft. M E Morse, M D

### EXTERNAL GENITALIA

King, A. J., and Mascall, W. N.: Gonococcal Vaginitis in the Adult. Lancel, 1935, 228, 1492

Gonococcal infection of the vaginal mucous memhrane occurs in the acute stage of gonorrhea and may persist in the later stages Of 162 cases, the gonococcus was isolated from the vaginal fornices in the chronic stage of the disease in 53 (33 3 per cent).

The conspicuous clinical differences in the vaginal infection of children and young unmarried women as compared with that of multiparas and women in whom the mucous membranes have been hardened are due to the difference in the extent and severity of the infection. In the former, the whole length of the vagina is involved whereas in the latter the infection usually becomes limited to the vaginal fornices

Severe infections of the vagina due primarily to organisms other than the gonococcus are much less common than is generally helieved. The gonococcus is often present in such infections, but difficulty is experienced in isolating it. In the isolation of the gonococcus in the "non-specific" group of cases the vaginal plate method of Orpwood and Price with the use of egg-albumin-agar as the medium gives the most satisfactory results Of 44 cases in which the plates alone were positive, 28 were cases of the severe generalized type of vaginitis in which repeated tests from other sites had proved negative.

The theory of the "antigonococcal" value of a highly acid vaginal secretion in the adult must be ahandoned In the authors' culture tests no inhibitory action appeared to be exerted by strongly Tests of the vaginal fluid with acid secretions fitmus paper in 100 cases showed the reaction to be

acid in 93, alkaline in 3, and neutral in 5

For a correct and certain diagnosis in suspected cases of gonorrbea in the female it is essential to utilize all the known tests. In 44 of the cases reviewed an incorrect diagnosis would bave been made if the vaginal plate method had not been

employed

Treatment should be directed to the vaginal fornices, the cervical canal, and the urethra. instrumentation and manipulation should be as gentle as possible. If antiseptics are used they should not be employed in concentrated form While quite strong antiseptics may apparently be tolerated by the vaginal mucous membrane without an increase in the symptoms or discomfort, the authors have found that the use of such chemical irritants will inevitably prolong the duration of the Better results were obtained with a I per cent than with a 25 per cent solution of mercurochrome and with a 10 per cent than with a 50 per cent solution of ichthyol in glycerin. It is possible that the local immunity processes of the tiesues are adversely affected by the stronger con centrations

The improved cultural method is valuable and essential not only in the diagnosis of conorrhea in

the female but also in the establishment of cure after treatment MISCELLANEOUS

Allen F Gardner W U and Diddle A W Experiments with Theelin and Calactin on the Growth and Function of the Mammary Glands of the Monkey Indocration 19, 19, 20,

The authors unjected ten monkeys neighing from jds, to 60 og me uthe galetin with or widout previous theelin treatment. In four mature animals and one asymal just reaching serial instantly Jistation was induced. Three of these mature animals retained one or both ovaries. The two others were ovarectomized and had been previously injected with jds, and typo rad units of beelin. In the with jds, and typo rad units of beelin. In the with jds, and you will be the previously injected with jds, and go of the measured jds, and intended they go of the measured jds, perceively.

In the remaining five animals three of which were just reaching maintrix and two of which were insimature the administration of the lactation stimulating hormone in doses of from 3 to 73 rabbit units did not indure lactation. One of these animals was owarectomated. In the case, of all of them from 1,100 to 1,700 rat units of theilin were injected be fore the malating or proficial recreatment was begun.

The fully developed mammary glands of the mature monkeys responded posturely to the galactin or prolactin treatment inhereas the partially developed mammary glands of the younger monkeys did not respond. We hastological changes that might did not respond. We hastological changes that might consider the proposition of the proposition o

Engle E T Smith P F and Shelesnyak M G.
The Rôle of Estrin and Profestin in Experimental Menstruction Am J Obst & Gynec
1035 30 757

It is generally believed that in the mature mon key uterine bleeding occurs when the es m supply is out off. This bleeding can be prevented by the administration of progettin a hormone of the corpus luterim. It is prevented as long as the treat ment is continued in the suthors experiments the treatment was continued in one instance for twenty eight days, but usually for only eleven or treaty eight days, but usually for only eleven or treated days. After it was stopped the bleeding recurred in from three to five days.

After the termination of progessia therapy the uterine bleeding occurs within the expected time even when estria administration is instituted at

once and continued

The authors cite evidence reported by other
investigators which indicates that in the human

female also menstruation results from a ces atton of the secretion of the corpus luteum and occurs in the presence of a high estrin content of the blood.

Kurzrok R Wilson L and Cassidy & A
The Treatment of Amenorrhea with Large
Doses of Estrogenic Hormone Am J Ohn &
Gynce 1935 29 271

The authors treated twelve cases of primary amenorrhea and thirteen cases of secondary ameno

rhea mith large doses of Program B and amn our.
They confirmed Kaufmans observation that
an noor u of estira are required to produce exchest
bleeding and to build up the proliferating phase of
the endometrium. Cyclical bleeding cannot be differentiated by the patient from normal mensions.

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treatment was stopped.

The authors state that the uter ne anlage which has failed to develop in the fetus may be brought to come stage of development in adult life by large

dose of estrogenic hormone

Spontaneous menstruation may follow the cyclical
hleeding induced by estrogenic hormone, as in

hieding induced by estrogenie hormine, as in secondary amenorrhea.

The endometrium which has been built up to the proliterative phase by an external supply of estina may be converted to the pregravid phase by the

patient 2 own corpus luteum

Edward Lyman Cornell M D

Guimarães A Filho Membranous Dysmenor thea (Dismenorrea membranacea) Rev ob 1 a grate de São I oulo 1935 : 20

Membranous dismonrihea na rara mentimal disturbance occurring particularly in the early period of meastrual life and in young unmarried some It is more common in the shence of pathological changes in the reproductive organs than in the presence of such changes. It appears rue is pursence of such changes It appears not fer quently as a functional disturbance than as a denoted of organic organ I is shought to be to an oursian burmone disturbance of present not clearly understood.

It is characterized by the expulsion of shreds or of a partial or complete jest of the endometrium Complete exfulsion is rare. Sometimes pieces of membrane are maked with blood clot. The larger pieces may be mistaken for a discharge of decadard material following abortion or in ectopic pregnancy which their emplie macrosoppicalls. However the

histological appearance of the membrane is characteristic. The cells are smaller than decidual cells and exhibit more irregularity in structure and more pro-

nounced degenerative changes

In some cases spontaneous recovery results while in others the symptoms recur regularly or irregularly for an indefinite time in spite of all therapeutic measures Removal of hyperplastic endometrium by dilatation and curettage may prove beneficial In some cases the use of ovarian extracts has been followed by improvement Lutein and pituitrin have also been found of value

Five cases are reported in detail

WILLIAM R MEEKER, M.D.

Watson, M. C.: Observations on the Treatment of Dysmenorrhea with the Placental Extract "Emmenin." Canadian M. Ass. J., 1935, 32 609

Watson is convinced that the administration of emmenin is a valuable supplemental hormone therapy in dysmenorrhea when the pains are due definitely to forcible uterine contractions. factors with an unfavorable influence on the patient's consciousness, general health, economic and social condition, and mental impressions are present, his results are materially improved by efforts to eliminate these factors. The general health is improved by the administration of ferrum reductum or ferrous carbonate, a regulated ample diet with an adequate supply of necessary ingredients such as proteins, calcium, and vitamins, and a copious fluid intake Economic and social influences should be regulated so far as possible, and rest in bed for an average minimum of eight hours out of the twentyfour should be required By this régime and the administration of emmenin as a supplemental hormone Watson has reduced operative interference to the minimum

Forty-nine patients were completely relieved of pain and associated symptoms, and of this group, twenty-one have had no return of symptoms after a period of six months without emmenin. Twenty-seven patients were relieved to a degree which enabled them to disregard the remaining discomfort. In the cases of twenty-nine who were not relieved, the loss of time from work was reduced by the administration of 3- to 5-gr doses of amidopyrine with 1/100 gr of atropine sulphate. The only operation recommended was modified dilatation of the cervix with incision of the internal os and packing

In conclusion Watson says that, for successful results, the treatment must be adapted to the requirements of the individual case

J THORNWELL WITHERSPOON, M D

Ulrich, P.: Genital Hemorrhages with a Local Cause (Les hémorrhagies génitales de cause locale) Rev franç de gynéc el obst, 1935, 30 355

Like pregnancy, menstruation is a physiological phenomenon which constantly borders on the pathological Pathological states of menstruation are therefore often difficult to distinguish. The principal

menstrual disturbances are characterized by (1) irregularity of the menstrual rhythm, (2) variations in the intensity and quality of the menstrual flow, and (3) variations in the duration of the flow. Thus hypermenorrhea is characterized by an evaggerated amount of flow, polymenorrhea, by increased frequency of flow, and macromenorrhea, by an unusually prolonged period of flow. The term "oligomenorrhea" signifies regular menses at long intervals; the term "hypomenorrhea," a lessened amount of flow, and the term "metrorrhagia," intermenstrual bleeding The author uses the term "menometrorrhagia" to designate cases of prolonged flow in which it is difficult to decide whether the bleeding is menstrual or intermenstrual. A typical example of this type is the bleeding in cases of metropathia hemorrhagica The presence of clots is always a sign of pathological bleeding

Ulrich classifies genital bleeding as follows:
(x) bleeding of ovarian origin, (2) bleeding due to infections, (3) bleeding due to miscellaneous causes,
(4) bleeding due to vascular stasis resulting from uterine misplacements, (5) intra-ovarian hemorrhage, and (6) vaginal and vulvar hemorrhage He discusses at length the well-known endocrine relation-

ships involved in female sex physiology

Alterations in the ovarian hormone balance may result in menstrual disturbances. Hemorrhages due to hypofolliculinism are associated with genital hypoplasia and infantilism Hypermenorrhea and polymenorrhea are most common Metrorrhagia is exceptional The occurrence of these hemorrhages depends on lack of contractility of the uterine musculature. The endometrium is thin and more fragile than normal Hyperfolliculinism is characterized by bleeding of the menometrorrhagia type glandular hyperplasia of the Swiss-cheese variety and hyperplasia of the uterine muscle are the chief anatomical findings The ovaries may show many cystic follicles or sclerocystic changes Hypersecretion of the corpus luteum results in the formation of a decidusform metritis (Champy, Bulliard, and Douay) The clinical picture is that of menometrorrhagia The endometrium, which is greatly thickened, shows an unusually thick decidual reaction and secretory glands

Bleeding at the time of ovulation is possible though rare in women in perfect health. Chronic and acute infections (gonorrhea, colon bacillus infections, tuberculosis, syphilis) play a part in the causation of uterine bleeding. In approximately 50 per cent of cases of gonorrheal salpingitis there is polyor hypermenorrhea. General factors which may also play a causative rôle are errors in hygiene, excessive participation in sports, sexual excesses, professional fatigue, climatic changes, intoxications (drugs, alcohol), and psychic and vasomotor disturbances. Malpositions of the uterus (anteflevion, lateral deviations, retroflexion, prolapse) are of importance because of their congestive effect.

Determination of the causative factor is not easy. The age of the patient and the period of life at which

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the symptoms occur must be considered. Herme hemorrhages in little girls are often ilue to byper genitalism provoked by ovarian tumors or by tumors of the pineal gland hy pophy sis, or adrenals Genital hemorrhages of the newborn have nothing to do with menstruction. They are usually the result of passive congestion resulting from placental bor mones When neoplasms can be ruled out with cer tainty puberty bleeding and pre menopansal bleed ing are usually due to hyperfolliculm states or hyper lutern hormone effects Mahenant ovarian tumors of slow growth must be considered when post menoprusal bleeding occurs

Intra ovarian hemorrhage is not uncommon It is often associated with blood discrasias especially when the hemorrhage is severe and prolonged \agr nal and vulvar hemorrhage is most frequently the result of trauma (foreign bodies masturbation Senile involution renders the varina especially susceptible to extensive tearing and hemorrhage from trauma Hapour C Mark M D

Farati M. The Conodeviation in Obstetrics and Conecology the gonodestatione in esternoa e ginecologia) his still di ginec 1935 18 65

Before presenting the results of his chinical and experimental investigations regarding the gonodevia tion in ob tetrical and gynecological cales the author reviews the literature on the serum reaction of patients with gonococcal infections

Many methods for the diagnosis of gonococcal infection (opsonic index Ivores Hamilton and Cooke precipitation Ciuffo and Bruck agglutination Bruck and Define cutt reaction binkelstein and Cerschen complement deviation Bruck Muller, Thomas Isy and numerous others) have been introduced Fach has given information of great value especially in the chronic form of the discase

Kunwaelder and Schwarz using a personally pre pared antigen investigated 167 cases of salpingitis Of the Sa in which the condition was found by bacteriological examination to be due to the gonococcus only 1 was negative. Of 6 cases of gon orrheal arthritis all gave a positive reaction

Izwoinicka and /awodzinski who carried out the complement deviation reaction 1 495 times in 1 400 cases are convinced that the results depend directly upon proper preparation of the antigen recommend antigens prepared by either the Ower or the Crosti method From their investigations they draw the following conclusions

The complement deviation reaction has a specific behavior in gonorrheal infections

2 The test becomes positive in the early stages of the gonococcal invasion. The reaction increases in intensity until the chinical manifestations of the disease reach their greatest severity and then gradually diminishes becoming negative approximately two months after clinical cure of the infection

Crosti regards the test as of prognostic value. He believes that the progressive decrease in specific amboreptor is prima facie evidence of amelioration of the disease and that persistence of the comple ment deviation without a decrease in intensity is in disputable evidence of the existence of an active focus of infection

fluhes states that the reaction is occasionally postive in fues and in the presence of an elevation of the

temperature The author reports the complement devution in 124 obstetrical and 174 gynecological cases for the complement he used the blood of rabbus. The re-

Cynecological cases	\umler	Positive	Negative
alpingitis of unknown cause	35	22	13
onorrheat processes	ĭ	1	ě
uberculous salpingalia	15	1	14
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The author draws the following conclusions I The test is specific although it was sometimes positive in the cases of women with a positive Was-

sermann reaction 2 The test is sensitive

sults were as follows

3 Lost abortion and puerperal infections are often due to the gonococcus

4 The intensity of the reaction parallels the clim cal manifestations of the disease

s The reaction diminishes in intensity with ame horation of the local infection

6 The average duration of the reaction after chnical recovery is about two months

7 One injection of gonococcus vaccine is sufficient to render the test positive

8 The test is of prognostic as well as diagnostic CEORGE C FINOLA M D value

Spoto P The Value of Prostigmin in Obstetrics

and Gynecotogy (La prostigmina nel campo ostel encogymecoligico) Ginecologia 1935 1 455

Prostigmin is a substitute for eserin and of value in atomic and paralytic intestinal conditions. The author reports experimental and chinical investiga tions which he carried out to determine whether prostigmin has a selective action on the muscular layer of the intestine or acis also on other smooth muscle such as that of the uterus, bladder, and ureter In his experimental investigations he studied the organs in situ and after their eventration with the animal kept under ether narcosis and the nerve supply of the organs left intact Roentgenoscopic and roentgenographic studies were made to determine the motility of the gastro-intestinal tract before and after administration of the drug

The clinical investigations were carried out on pregnant and non-pregnant women who complained of obstinate constipation, women at various periods of the puerperium who complained of meteorism, abdominal distention or vesical paresis, and women who had distention after laparotomy for some ob-

stetrical or gynecological condition

The findings are summarized as follows:

In rabbits weighing from 2 to 3 kgm, injections of prostigmin in doses of from 0 005 to 0 r mgm per kilogram of body weight constantly increased the contractions of the intestine, bladder, and ureter

2 The most effective pharmacological dose was o o2 mgm per kilogram of body weight. When this dose was given, the intestines, especially the small intestine, showed constantly a marked increase of moultry. The bladder showed little reaction and the uterus almost none at all

3 On isolated smooth muscle prostigmin had a

constant stimulating effect.

4 With a concentration of 1 80,000,000 (and sometimes an even greater dilution) the intestinal musculature responded with increased activity. The small intestine was more sensitive than the large intestine. The paralyzing action of the drug was obtained at a concentration between 1 3,000,000 and 1.100,000

5 The uterine musculature was not sensitive A concentration between 1.100,000 and 1.1,000,000 produced stimulation

6. The tonus of the bladder musculature was increased Concentrations of 1.100,000,000 or even

less had an evident effect upon it.

7. The ureter behaved in the same way as the bladder, but seemed to be in general less sensitive

8 Roentgen studies showed faster emptying of the stomach and small intestine. The latter appeared

to be particularly sensitive to the drug

9. In a series of 118 patients, prostigmin constantly exerted a favorable effect on intestinal peristalsis, stimulating good contractions and causing a marked expulsion of gas Spontaneous defecation as the sole effect of prostigmin was rare

10 Vesical paresis was almost always overcome,

but often only after repeated injections

11. The administration of prostigmin intravenously which is the method to be preferred because of the constancy and rapidity of its effect, caused

only slight and transitory disturbances

The blood pressure remained within the normal limits Occasionally it showed a slight increase or decrease, but these changes did not exceed romm Hg A change in the pulse occurred only in cases of general malaise and nausea, which developed only when the stomach was full, as after a barium meal, and the patient was obliged to move

13 In cases of heart disease the intravenous method is contra-indicated. If the disease is not severe, an intramuscular injection is well tolerated

14 A dose of 0 5 mgm in 1 1 c cm of vehicle had maximum efficiency and did not cause any noteworthy disturbance Eugene T Leddy, M D.

### OBSTETRICS

PREGNANCY AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Robles C. Considerations Reparding the Clinical Picture of Extra Uterine Pregnancy (Lonside raciones acerca de la clinica del embarazo extra Rev de cirue Haroit Juare Mex. 1015 D 275

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toms of pregnancy

The condition most difficult to differentiate from acute rupture of an ectopic pregnancy is acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis. In hematocele the history is almost always typical and minute inquiry is the surest method of making the pre-operative diagno Particularly significant symptoms are loss of consciousness and although less frequently noted by the patient sudden enlargement of the abdomen The pseudocysts tormed by partial rescription of hematoceles are more frequent than is generally believed. The differential diagnosis from ovarian cost is usually made only at operation. Even experienced surgeons often fail to recognize the nature of these to mations M & MOSSE, M D

Portes L. Uteroplacental Apoplery (A propos de apoplexie utera piacentaire) Gynte et obit 1935 22 DD4

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out removal of the uterus The uterine lesions in this condition vary in de gree and are distributed irregularly. The extravasa tion of blood is not most marked in the zone of the insertion of the placents it is found most frequently in the region where the broad ligaments have their origin When the lower segment of the uterus is involved the hemorrhagic infiltration usually in lades the ba e of the broad ligaments where it may form bematomas The lesions are usually confined to the serosa but in some cases the muscle of the uterine wall is involved

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Rivière, M.: A New Contribution to the Clinical Study of Placental Hemorrhages (Nouvelle contribution à l'étude clinique des hémorragies placentaires) Gynée et obst, 1935, 31 697

Rivière reports a study of sixteen cases of placental (retroplacental) hemorrhage. In none of them were there symptoms of eclampsia. Only one patient complained of epigastric pain. None showed edema. Albuminuria was not a constant or early symptom. In seven cases in which the urine was examined before the onset of symptoms, no albumin was found During the period of hemorrhage, but before exacuation of the uterus, the urine was free from albumin in five cases, contained a trace in four cases, and contained a definite amount in seven cases. Of ten cases in which the urine was examined after evacuation of the uterus, albuminuria was present in seven

While hemorrhage is usually considerable, there may be no external bleeding prior to evacuation of the uterus, as in eight (50 per cent) of the author's cases. The amount of bleeding at the time of evacuation of the uterus in the cases reviewed varied considerably. The one symptom that was characteristic in all was wooden hardness of the uterus. Bleeding results in the development of symptoms of anemia. Symptoms of toxemia develop late and often reach their maximum at the time of the retraction of the uterus. The toxemia is evidently the result, rather

than the cause of the hemorrhage

In half of the reviewed cases labor had not begun at the time the placental hemorrhage occurred. In six cases in which labor had begun the membranes were ruptured artificially and morphine was given In one case the fetus was delivered with forceps In mine cases the treatment was surgical. There were four deaths within a few hours after delivery. In one of the fatal cases a cesarean operation followed by hysterectomy was done. In the three others a conservative cesarean operation was performed Of the five cases in which the patient recovered after operation, a conservative cesarean operation was done in one, a cesarean operation followed by hysterectomy in two, and a hysterectomy en bloc in two Only two children were born alive, and these died shortly after delivery

In the nine surgically treated cases in which the condition of the uterus was ascertained, the lesions in the uterine wall varied greatly in degree and ex-

tent In one case the uterus showed massive infiltration and in others less marked infiltration and ecchymoses. In two it showed no lesion. One of the patients with no uterine lesions died and the other was in a serious condition for several hours after the operation, while the patient with the massive infiltration made a good recovery without severe symptoms of toxemia. The severity of the symptoms therefore showed no relation to the extent of the uterine lesion

The prognosis of retroplacental hemorrhage depends primarily upon the promptness with which the uterus is evacuated. The author believes that cases seen early are treated best by rupture of the membranes and the administration of norphine, and cases seen late by hysterectomy en bloc. In cases seen early in which rapid delivery by the natural route is impossible, the conservative cesarean operation is indicated.

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Zocchi, S., and Robecchi, E: A Roentgenological Study of the Topographic and Functional Changes in the Esophagus and Stomach During the Late Stages of Pregnancy (Studio radiologico delle mothicazioni topografiche e funzional dell'esofago e dello stomaco nelle gravidanza a termine) Girecologia, 1935, 1 272

In the studies reported the authors used both a roentgenographic and an orthodiagraphic technique because of the distortion of the body produced by the pregnant uterus. Their findings are summarized as follows.

The shape and position of the esophagus were

the same as in non-pregnant women

2 Moderate atony of the esophagus was demonstrated by the opaque meal or, better, by opaque capsules of varying diameter. While this was not sufficient to produce marked motor insufficiency, it caused definite functional changes.

3 Two types of stomach were observed—the "cow's horn" type and the "reversed L" type In one variety of the latter the caudal portion was displaced in the anteroposterior plane. This was shown

best in the lateral projection

4 Small amounts of the opaque meal taken successively revealed a decrease in the tone of the stomach

5 The peristaltic waves, even though quite variable, were always more accentuated than in the absence of pregnancy and were in direct relationship

to the shape of the organ

6 The emptying time of the stomach varied from fifty minutes in the cases of "cow's horn" stomach to one and three-tenths hours in the cases of "reversed L" stomach and those in which the upper end of the stomach was displaced Eugline T Leddy, M D

Caffaratto, T. M., and Pesce, C: Hemolysis During Pregnancy (Sulla emolistin gravidanza) Ginecologia, 1935, 1 380

The authors state that there are still many problems to be solved with regard to the anemias of

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logically jas well as clinically into two sub-groups depending upon whether or not there is impairment of liver function. Positive cases show early a bilirubinemia and usually end in true eclampsia.

In cases of hyperemesis, even if this condition is associated with retroversion of the uterus, hepatic insufficiency with respect to carbohydrate metabolism and often also with respect to the metabolism of biliary pigments and perhaps fats may be demonstrated

In toxic jaundice of pregnancy, so far as the author could learn from the observation of only one case, the liver is not capable of metabolizing the carbohydrates and the biliary pigments completely, yet the hepatocellular lesions are slight and the functional capacity of the organ is restored to the normal within the first few days of the puerperium

Some of the toxemias leave the liver in a badly damaged condition. This is true particularly in eclampsia in which the hepatocellular lesions persist for an indefinite period following termination of the

pregnancy.

The nephropathies of pregnancy are less apt to cause late symptoms referable to hepatic insuffi-

ciency

In hyperemesis and other minor tovemic syndromes the hepatocellular lesions are usually slight and the normal function of the liver is rapidly restored

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### LABOR AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Holtermann, C. Failures in Operative Obstetrics in Home Practice and Their Treatment (Misslungene operative Geburtshife in der haeuslichen Praxis und ihre klinische Behandlung) Arch f. Gynack, 1934, 158 222

In approximately 25,000 deliveries in a period of ten years there were 88 unsuccessful attempts at operative delivery The incidence of the latter was therefore 0 35 per cent More than half of the unsuccessful operative deliveries were attempts at forceps delivery Of the latter, 85 per cent were attempts at high forceps delivery, 25 per cent, attempts at version, and the remainder, attempts at extraction Two-thirds of the women were multiparas The maternal mortality was very high, being 9 I per cent In 40 per cent of the cases the puerperium was febrile The infants also were very unfavorably affected Of those which were viable at the time the operation was attempted, only 43 2 per cent survived Of those which were brought to the clinic, 72 9 per cent were saved

In many cases the failure of the operation was due to failure to follow the simplest rules of operative obstetrics (in one-fifth of the cases in which the high forceps were used there was not the slightest indication for the operation), failure to recognize complications of labor, and too great faith in the possibility of vaginal delivery. In others it was due to incorrect operative technique and unfavorable external conditions.

With regard to the clinical management of cases without operation the author states that the interests of the mother should always be given first consideration as the child is not infrequently severely injured by the attempts at delivery. Even when the heart tones are good, there may be a fatal cranial injury, as was demonstrated in a case in which cesarean section was done Spontaneous delivery should not be awaited routinely longer than six hours. If it does not occur within that length of time, termination of the labor as soon as the prerequisites are met is advisable. Careful observation of the course of labor gives the best results

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Brown, R C: The Treatment of Obstetrical Disproportion Brit M J, 1935, I 1251

The author states that cases of gross disproportion can be recognized solely by the recognition of gross contraction of the pelvis

In cases in which minor disproportion is thought to be present the outcome of labor is uncertain and a decision can be made only after labor is in progress

Pelvic measurements are not unimportant, but must be considered in conjunction with all other factors before a prognosis is possible

A vaginal examination should be made in every

case during pregnancy

Induction of premature labor for disproportion has no place in the delivery of a primipara. Induction of premature labor is a useful method in the delivery of a multipara when a record of former labor has been kept and can be used as a guide as to the ability of the patient to deliver herself

The patient's capacity for delivery can be estimated from a trial of labor It cannot be determined

during pregnancy.

When induction of premature labor is practised in the case of the primipara it may be done unnecessarily and there is little to prevent the obstetrician from repeating this error in the patient's future pregnancies

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Motta, G.: The Mechanism and Management of Brow Presentation (Sul meccanismo e sulla assistenza del parto nella presentazione di fronte). Arch di ostet e ginec, 1935, 42 203

According to the more recent statistics, the incidence of operative intervention in cases of brow presentation ranges from \$1.5 per cent (Khreninger-Guggenberger) to 78.82 per cent (Cholmogoroff) According to earlier statistics, the gross infant mortality in cases of spontaneous delivery and cases of operative delivery considered together ranged from 25.4 per cent (Sjovall) to 46.5 per cent (Cholmogoroff) The more recent statistics of Stiglbauer show an infant mortality of 17.4 per cent in cases of spontaneous delivery and of 37.5 per cent in cases of operative delivery. The corresponding percentages reported by Khreninger-Guggenberger are 27 and 31

According to the old statistics of Heinricius, the maternal mortality was 17 per cent, and according

pregnancy One of the methods of investigation which has yielded much valuable information is the study of the resistance of the red blood cells a method which after a survey of the literature the authors decided to use in the study they report in this article. The tests they selected were those of Viola and Simmel in which the erythrocytes are hemolyzed in varying dilutions of saline solution Their studies were made on twenty normal non pregnant women, twenty women in the second to eighth months of normal pregnancy, twenty four women in either the ninth month of a normal pres nancy or the early days of a normal puerpersum and twenty five women with a pathological pregnancy and puerperium

The findings of their studies are presented in four tables. They indicate that in normal pregnancy from the second to about the sixth month the resistance of the cells is generally increased, but the maximum resistance is not markedly changed. At about the sixth month there is a drop in the minimum and mean resistance which persists for the next two months but the maximum resistance is unchanced In the month month the minimum resistance is quite variable but the mean resistance is decreased and

the maximum resistance is not greatly changed In the pregnant women who had a complicating condition such as tuberculosis diabetes alhuminuria or permerous anemia, the resistance of the erythro-

cytes varied but in general was diminished The authors discuss the role of the various factors which may influence the resistance of the red blood EUCENE T LEDDY M D

Zocchl S Cova's Tender Costolumbar Point in Pyelitis of Pregnancy (Il punto doloroso costolombare del Cova nella pielite gravidica) Gine cologia 1935 2 417

For the diagnosis of pyelitis of pregnancy several points of tenderness have been described by various investigators. One group has stressed the diagnostic value of tenderness on pressure over McBurney s point but in some cases this sign is absent and in many of those in which it is present the pyelitis is confused with appendicitis or some other condition

Another group of investigators have called atten tion to the fact that in cases of pyelitis pain may be chested by exerting pressure through the vaginal route over the point where the ureter opens into the bladder

Others have stressed the diagnostic value of gen eral pain over the region of the kidneys and of tenderness on pressure over the last rib or over the quadratus lumborum

However none of these signs is constant and all of them are vague

In 1025 Cova in re investigating the problem discovered a small and well localized area which was not spontaneously painful but on slight palpa tion with the tip of the finger was found to be the site of intense pain which caused the patient to jerk and withdraw the back

This point corresponded to the angle formed by the external margin of the quadratus lumborum with the last rib Cova stated that this sign was sufficiently constant and characteristic to establish the diagnosis of pyelitis of pregnancy

In a study of twenty one cases Zocchi found that Cova's costolumbar tenderness was the most constant and reliable sign. It occurred in or per cent

of the cases

In a study of the problem from the anatomical and pathological points of view it was found that with the increasing urinary stasis which usually accompanies pyelitis presumably the intrarenal portion of the pelvis becomes distended and any pressure applied at the costolumbar angle is trans mutted through the interposed tissue exactly to the intrarenal part of the renal pelvis or at least to a good portion of it. This explains the intense pain Roentgen examination showed that Lova's point corresponded to the extreme interior portion of the

renal pelvis Valle G On the Functional Capacity of the Liver in the Totemias of Pregnancy and Their Sequelæ and on the Obstetrical Use of Recent Methods of Testing of Hepatic Function (Sulla capacitá di lavoro del fegato nelle tossicon gratt

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diche sus reliquati di queste e sulla utilizzazione nel campo esterneo di recenti metodi di esplorament funzionale) Ginecologia 1035 1 435

In an investigation of the physiopathological con ditions of the various toxemias of pregnancy \sile studied a number of methods for testing the func tional capacity of the liver. These included the levulose test, the van den Bergh reaction the de termination of urobilin and acetone bodies in the urine the Takata Ara reaction and the determina tion of the albumin globulin ratio of the serum lle found that the last two yielded contradictory results, but that the others are of value in demonstrating the multiple aspects of the hepatic disturbances

accompanying the toxemias of pregnancy Physiopathologically it appears that these toxemus are accompanied by a partial impairment of heastic function rather than by a complete hepatic insuffi ciency except perhaps in eclampsia in which hepatic

insufficiency is nearly complete

The levulose test was found positive in all cases of pregnancy toxemia coming under the authors observation It appears therefore that the inter mediary carbohydrate metaholism is always dis turbed in these cases It is possible however that in some of them the test is rendered positive also by a lowering of the renal threshold. The decrease in carbohydrate utilization explains the excellent re sults obtained with insulin in the treatment of cer tain toxemias of pregnancy

Specifically it may be said that in eclampsia the functional capacity of the liver is very seriously impaired

The complex group of the nephropathies of preg nancy (Leyden) may be subdivided physiopathosedatives such as avertin and nembutal are also

being tried

3 Methods to improve the flagging uterine forces Probably the best of these is the administration of ½ c. cm of thymophysin followed, if necessary, by an additional ¼ c. cm after three-quarters of an hour, or the administration of 2 units of pituitrin or pitocin with, when necessary, repetition of the same dose after from thirty to fifty minutes. In using these drugs the obstetrician must be sure that there is no gross disproportion and no mechanical bar to delivery

4 Smoothing out of the vagina and vulva with ether soap This will sometimes improve the character of the pains It should be done gently and

slowly

In cases of unreduced occiput-posterior position a thorough examination should be made under anesthesia and then either a manual or forceps rotation should be done. Care should be taken to be sure that the forceps are not applied over the forehead and occiput as such application will result in a tentorial tear with hemorrhage. In any manual or forceps rotation the fetal heart should be carefully watched for signs of fetal distress.

In discussing the indications for the use of forceps the author expresses the opinion that the fear of childbirth is increasing because of the publication of figures of puerperal morbidity and mortality in the newspapers. Future mothers can be encouraged by the promise of anesthetics and analgesics in labor. Fear breeds inertia, and inertia often necessitates.

manipulative interference

Forceps are applied least frequently by midwives and most frequently by general practitioners. Midway between the two are the maternity hospitals Before forceps are applied everything possible must be done to decrease fear and pain and to increase the expulsive force by safe methods

Cases of delayed labor in which these measures fail may be divided into two groups—those of true inertia, in which the pains are feeble, and those in which progress is hindered by some mechanical dif-

hculty

If a sufficient quantity of sedatives is given without great concern for the ultimate welfare of the baby, most women with a "rigid cervix" and inertia will eventually deliver themselves. In cases of unrotated occiput-posterior head and a half dilated cervix much harm may be done by an unsuccessful attempt at forceps delivery

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Holland, E · Maternal Mortality. Lancel, 1935, 228 973

The author discusses chiefly the maternal mortality in Great Britain Hc compares the Newman Report on maternal mortality in Great Britain, which was compiled by a government agency, with the report of the New York Academy of Medicine

on the maternal mortality in New York City There are many points of similarity in the two reports According to both, the chief blame for a high maternal mortality lies with the obstetrical personnel of the area studied.

Holland states that care should be taken to avoid attaching too much significance to the increase in maternal mortality indicated by statistics, as there is now a closer scrutiny of maternal deaths and many of those formerly attributed to associated disease have been found due to poor obstetrical judgment or care. He believes that the mortality from abortion should be separated from the usual maternal mortality as the prevention of the former is entirely different from the prevention of the latter.

Factors which have been of importance in the increase in maternal mortality in the last fifteen to twenty years are: (1) the frequent use of anesthetics and analgesics, (2) the growth of small institutions where obstetricians without sufficient training attempt difficult obstetrical procedures, (3) improper antenatal care leading to unnecessary interference, (4) interference with normal pregnancy or labor because of a desire on the part of the patient or physician, and (5) higher evaluation of the life of the infant because of the present-day limitation of

the number of pregnancies

In discussing the lowering of the maternal mortality, Holland considers two aspects—one, the lowering of the rate in the "black" areas, and the other the lowering of the rate in the "favorable" areas He cites an instance in which great progress was made in the former without a change of personnel. He states that lowering of the present lowest mortality rate will require increased training and a new obstetrical tradition as well as the development of an obstetrical conscience on the part of the individual physician. He concludes his article with a query as to the advisability of making maternity service a national service under centralized direction

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Merletti, C.: The Indications for, and the Technique of, Hypodermic Injections of Oxygen in Obstetrics (Impiego e tecnica delle imezioni d'ossigene per via ipodermica in ostetricia) Clin ostet, 1935, 37 290

Merletti points out the advantages of administering oxygen subcutaneously in cases of anoxemia in which it is difficult or impossible to give oxygen by inhalation. Several devices have been constructed for the hypodermic administration of oxygen, but most of them are too complicated or too expensive for general use. The author describes and presents a photograph of a handy, inexpensive, and simple apparatus which he has used with very satisfactory results.

At a pressure of 50 c cm this device delivers 1 lter of gas in five minutes By means of it the author has administered as much as 2,000 c cm of oxygen in one day. He has used the apparatus with satisfactory results in cases of asphyria of the

to those of Long it was to per cent. In the cases reviewed by von Franqué it was 614 per cent. According to recent statistics of Stiglbauer, khren inger Guggenberger. Affieri Guicciard, and Vicar elli it has been reduced almost to zero.

From the study of the mechan m in these case, the author concludes that the most typical and most Intorable diameter for engagement in brow presentation is the transverse that ergagement occurs as the result of compression of the fetal head and not as the result of the bub tutuon of a smaller diameter by alternate flexion and defersion as tolesson states that explaison is facilitated by physics, and that dystrona is doe, not to failure of rotation, but to directly of engagement

The author outlines the treatment as follows
2 Cesarean section should be done in cases of

even moderate pelvic contraction
2 Podahe version should be done in the cases of

multiparas
3 In the cases of primiparas expectant treatment

is indicated regardless of the position of the head 4. When the use of forceps is indicated no attempt at rotation should be made until engage ment has taken place.

5 When forces extraction is attended with serious difficulty low cervical tesarcan section is the procedure of choice unless it is contra indicated by sep is. When sepais is present failure of forces calls for cranionomy even if the feur is thiving.

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6 When the fetus is dead cramotomy should

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always be done

Keller R. A Consideration of Cephalic Presents tion in the Occleuteacral Position at the level of the Superior Strait (Considerations out in présentation du commerce no situations out in auxeau du détroit supériour). Gyalcologie 1933 44 221

The author calls attention to a cephable position which is take—a position in which the field bear enters the superior strait with the occupit directed interiorly so that the agistal source occupies the anteriorly so that the agistal source occupies the anterioposterior diameter of the rallet. This position has nothing in common with the ordinary posterior position in which the head eventually rotates so that after completions of the interioral fortiers with the seaf testing on or near the privation. The position described persists from the very onset of their According to recent statuties its occurrence is more frequent than had been commonly supposed but in most instances it is not recognized at the on

ce of labor

This position is due not to a single cause but to an association of causes. The outstanding factor is contraction of the material pelvis particularly of the 15pc with transverse contraction in which en againment is possible only in the anteropesterior diameter. The described position is favored also markets with contraction of other (15pc samely infan

tile pelves with high sacral promontories hyphone pelves pelves of the male type, and round pelves, 10, those with transverse and anteroposition diameters of approximately equal length.

Another predisposing factor is the shape of the teat head. The two types of feat heads responsible the the bead with flattening of the cranial sault and the hypsecphalic head. The first type requires produced flexion, whereas the second type requires only moderate faction to permit engagement at the superior strait. At the onset of labor these heads are very round.

The author is of the opinion that the back considered by some to be a causative factor plays little of no part in the production of this position except

when the neck is unusually short

While it is possible for spontaneous delivery of take place in this, condition operative delivery or esseraen arction may be indicated. In cases of spontaneous delivery, the hand de cends with the signitial suture in the anteroposternor dument throughout blaby. In some cases the head has bero obserted to privet slightly so that the aspetual suturbes in first one and then the other oblique distantive. In other cases the head has been obserted to privets as to the momentarily in the trainverse dismuter.

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Lane Roberts C S The Use and Abuse of Forceps in Midwifery Practitioner 1035 124 731

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3 Methods to improve the flagging uterine forces Probably the best of these is the administration of ½ c. cm of thymophysin followed, if necessary, by an additional ¼ c cm after three-quarters of an hour, or the administration of 2 units of pituitrin or pitorin with, when necessary, repetition of the same dose after from thirty to fifty minutes In using these drugs the obstetrician must he sure that there is no gross disproportion and no mechanical bar to delivery

4 Smoothing out of the vagina and vulva with ether soap This will sometimes improve the character of the pains It should be done gently and

slouly

In cases of unreduced occiput-posterior position a thorough examination should be made under anesthesia and then either a manual or forceps rotation should be done. Care should be taken to be sure that the forceps are not applied over the forehead and occiput as such application will result in a tentorial tear with hemorrhage. In any manual or forceps rotation the fetal heart should be carefully watched for signs of fetal distress.

In discussing the indications for the use of forceps the author expresses the opinion that the fear of childhirth is increasing because of the publication of figures of puerperal morbidity and mortality in the newspapers Future mothers can be encouraged by the promise of anesthetics and analgesics in labor Fear breeds inertia, and inertia often necessitates

manipulative interference

Forceps are applied least frequently by midwives and most frequently by general practitioners. Midway between the two are the maternity hospitals Before forceps are applied everything possible must be done to decrease fear and pain and to increase the expulsive force by safe methods.

Cases of delayed labor in which these measures fail may be divided into two groups—those of true mertia, in which the pains are feeble, and those in which progress is hindered by some mechanical dif-

ficulty

If a sufficient quantity of sedatives is given without great concern for the ultimate welfare of the hahy, most women with a "rigid cervix" and inertia will eventually deliver themselves. In cases of unrotated occiput-posterior head and a half dilated cervix much harm may be done by an unsuccessful attempt at forceps delivery.

STANLEY C HALL, M D

### MISCELLANEOUS

Holland, E: Maternal Mortality. Lancel, 1935, 228

The author discusses chiefly the maternal mortality in Great Britain He compares the Newman Report on maternal mortality in Great Britain, which was compiled by a government agency, with the report of the New York Academy of Medicine

on the maternal mortality in New York City. There are many points of similarity in the two reports According to both, the chief blame for a high maternal mortality lies with the obstetrical personnel of the area studied.

Holland states that care should be taken to avoid attaching too much significance to the increase in maternal mortality indicated by statistics, as there is now a closer scrutiny of maternal deaths and many of those formerly attributed to associated disease have been found due to poor obstetrical judgment or care He believes that the mortality from abortion should be separated from the usual maternal mortality as the prevention of the former is entirely

different from the prevention of the latter

Factors which have been of importance in the increase in maternal mortality in the last fifteen to twenty years are. (x) the frequent use of anesthetics and analgesics, (2) the growth of small institutions where obstetricians without sufficient training attempt difficult obstetrical procedures, (3) improper antenatal care leading to unnecessary interference, (4) interference with normal pregnancy or labor because of a desire on the part of the patient or physician, and (5) higher evaluation of the life of the infant because of the present-day limitation of the number of pregnancies

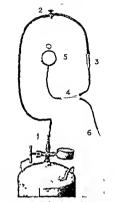
In discussing the lowering of the maternal mortality, Holland considers two aspects—one, the lowering of the rate in the "black" areas, and the other the lowering of the rate in the "favorable" areas. He cites an instance in which great progress was made in the former without a change of personnel. He states that lowering of the present lowest mortality rate will require increased training and a new obstetrical tradition as well as the development of an obstetrical conscience on the part of the individual physician. He concludes his article with a query as to the advisability of making maternity service a national service under centralized direction.

HENRY S ACKEN, JR., M D.

Merletti, C. The Indications for, and the Technique of, Hypodermic Injections of Oxygen in Obstetrics (Impiego e tecnica delle iniezioni d'ossigene per via ipodermica in ostetricia) Clin ostet, 1935, 37. 290

Merletti points out the advantages of administering oxygen subcutaneously in cases of anoxemia in which it is difficult or impossible to give oxygen by inhalation. Several devices have been constructed for the hypodermic administration of oxygen, but most of them are too complicated or too expensive for general use. The author describes and presents a photograph of a handy, inexpensive, and simple apparatus which he has used with very satisfactory results.

At a pressure of 50 c cm. this device delivers r liter of gas in five minutes. By means of it the author has administered as much as 2,000 c cm of oxygen in one day. He has used the apparatus with satisfactory results in cases of asphyxia of the



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## GENITO-URINARY SURGERY

## ADRENAL, KIDNEY, AND URETER

Bernardini, R., and Caltabiano, D.: Changes in the Sugar Content of the Blood Following Unilateral and Bilateral Denervation of the Suprarenal Glands (Modificazioni del tasso glicemico in seguito alla denervazione unilaterale e bilaterale dei surreni) Ann ital di chir, 1935, 14 141.

The importance of epinephrine in carbohydrate metabolism is well known. The regulation of the output of epinephrine is determined principally by the stimuli reaching the suprarenal glands from the sympathetic nerve centers. The authors briefly review the literature on the influence of the sympathetic nerves on the function of the suprarenal glands, the relationship between the function of the pancreas and the suprarenals, and the effect of denervation of the suprarenals on carbohydrate metabolism.

In experiments on rabbits they found that unilateral suprarenal denervation caused an appreciable diminution, and bilateral denervation performed in a stages produced a constant and progressive diminution, in the blood sugar. On the basis of 100 representing the normal, the values averaged 86 after the unilateral operation and 76 after the bilateral operation. They conclude that such an effect favors the pancreatic island system and might prove of value in diabetes mellitus.

A Louis Rosi, M D

Craciun, E. C., and Zanne, D.: Experimental Studies of Hydronephrosis (Contributions expérimentales à l'étude des hydronéphroses) Ann. d'anal path, 1935, 12 643.

The authors report experiments on rabbits and dogs with regard to the development of hydrone-phrosis following complete or partial ligation of the ureter Complete ligation was done in the rabbits and partial ligation in the dogs. As a rule the ligation was followed by an increase in the size of the kidney due not only to stasis in the pelvis and the tubules, but also to an interstitial edema, which was always present in the first three days, and to interstitial and subcapsular hemorrhagic suffusions. Subsequently the massive dilatation of the calyces caused laceration of the columns of Bertin, one of the important factors in the development of hydronephrosis.

However, hydronephrosis did not result unless the kidney continued to secrete urine, and renal secretion does not occur unless the pelvis is drained by the normal route or by abnormal routes. Roentgenographic and histological studies after injection of the pelvis with dyes showed that in the first few days after obstruction of the ureter drainage occurs through the pores of the collecting tubules or by

reflux into the renal sinus, the renal tissue, or the blood vessels. The most important of these routes is the vascular This vascular reflux is almost entirely venous. It is lymphatic only to a slight degree. In the experimental animals the veins were always greatly dilated and contained the dye material.

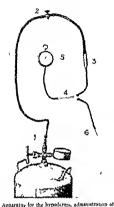
As the formation of the hydronephrosis progresses, the renal papillæ are flattened and distorted and the collecting tubules become dilated with distortion of the convoluted tubules Finally, the greater part of the renal parenchyma may be destroyed In a few of the experimental animals, especially in dogs, atrophy of the kidney rather than hydronephrosis resulted from obstruction of the ureter

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Pozzan, A.: The Histological and Functional Process of Repair of the Kidney Following Temporary Uronephrosis (Il processo istofunzionale di riparazione del rene nell' uronefrosi temporanea). Arch ital di irrol, 1935, 12 475

Pozzan reports a study he made of the process of repair in the kidney after the production of temporary urinary stasis was produced by blocking of the ureter. This process is a subject of controversy because the effect of intercurrent infection on the reparative process is still disputed, some urologists holding that infection nullifies the likelihood of restoration of normal function while others claim that infection only limits function. It is therefore impossible clinically to make an accurate prognosis of kidney function after uronephrosis. The problem is difficult to solve experimentally because the same procedure frequently leads to different results in different types of animals and it is difficult to select the right kind of animal for experimental investigation.

On the basis of the literature and his own investigations, Pozzan selected female dogs for his studies He produced ureteral block by the method of Kairis. The bladder was opened in the midline and washed out with a 3 per cent solution of potassium permanganate The ureters were then identified and into one were inserted a few sterile lead shot and a cylinder of metal 3 cm. long and of the same caliber as the ureter. The cylinder was pushed beyond the intramural portion of the ureter and anchored in place with a silk stitch The vesical end was closed by a pursestring suture After the operation the position of the shot was checked up roentgenographically If the shot and the cylinder were in the bladder there was no ureteral block and therefore no urmary stasis. By this technique, injury of the ureteral wall was avoided and the duration of the uronephrosis could be accurately determined roentgenographically.



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of any malignant renal tumor. Care should be taken to remove as much of the perirenal fatty tissue as possible as this may be involved by the neoplasm The surgeon should feel for extension along the renal pedicle or retroperitoneal lymph nodes and remove all involved portions if possible If a few involved lymph nodes must be left, it may be advantageous to place a large rubber tube in this region for the direct insertion of radium In some cases, removal of these tumors may be rather difficult and care must be exercised to avoid injury to the diaphragm, retroperitoneal duodenum, vena cava, and other important structures It is necessary to remove only a moderate length of ureter Of the sixty-five cases reviewed, nephrectomy was performed in only The operability was therefore about 30

Of the forty-four patients who have been traced up to the present time, forty are known to be dead No patient treated by irradiation alone is known to be living. Of the twenty patients subjected to nephrectomy, fifteen are dead, four are living, and one cannot be traced. Of the four patients who survived nephrectomy, only two have survived for any appreciable length of time (thirteen and two-tenths years and three and two-tenths years, respectively). The two others were operated on too recently (six months ago) to permit conclusions regarding the

final result

Taylor, W. N.: Papillary Epithelioma of the Renal Pelvis. J. Urol, 1935, 33 531.

The authors add 3 cases of papillary carcinoma of the renal pelvis to the 234 recorded in the literature In 2 of their cases the diagnosis was made before operation The operations performed in the 3 cases were, respectively, nephro-ureterectomy, nephrectomy with partial ureterectomy, and nephrectomy

The cause of papillary carcinoma of the renal pelvis is unknown, but it is probable that the development of the tumor is initiated by some type of chronic irritation in the pelvis. In a few cases the carcinoma has followed a chronic infection, and in about 5 per cent has been found associated with

calculi

Three-fourths of all tumors of the renal pelvis are papillary in structure. The majority of these are reported as benign microscopically. However, their benignancy can be trusted for only a short time as they may become malignant in silu or constitute the focus for further implantation Their chief characteristic is surface metastasis According to the theory most widely accepted, propagation is due to detached cells carried by the urine By some, however, metastasis is believed to occur by way of the lymphatics The hypothesis of co-existing lawless cells scattered throughout the urmary mucosa 15 also tenable. While these tumors rarely show a marked tendency to invade the renal pelvis or parenchyma, a moderate tendency toward infiltration of the renal parenchyma was noted in all of the author's cases 'The kidney is usually destroyed by

pressure atrophy secondary to obstruction at the pelvic outlet or in the ureter (hydronephrosis).

Hematuria is the most frequent and usually the initial sign In all of the author's cases there was profuse bleeding at some time Pain is a variable symptom and depends upon distention of the pelvis as the result of obstruction by a clot or tumor at the ureteropelvic junction. Lumbar aching or discomfort may be produced by hydronephrosis Ureteral colic may be caused by the passage of blood clots or tissue fragments In some cases pain may be absent. As a rule the kidney is not palpably enlarged unless infection or hydronephrosis complicates the disease In some cases tissue particles may be passed in the urine. Bladder symptoms depend upon irritation Frequency, dysuma, and mability to void are usually due to stone, infection, or blood clots in the bladder Loss of weight, anemia, and asthenia are very late manifestations and usually associated with metastasis

The lesion is practically never diagnosed from the history, symptoms, or findings of physical examination. Cystoscopy is of definite value only in cases of bladder tumor located about, or protruding from, the orifice of the ureter of the involved kidney. When such a cystoscopic finding is associated with a filling defect in the renal pelvis or calyx, a diagnosis of tumor of the renal pelvis is justifiable. Pyelography offers little aid as other conditions may produce the same picture. However, the association of a filling defect in a kidney of normal size and outline with profuse hemorrhage should arouse suspicion of such a lesion, especially if the defect is pre-

dominantly in the renal pelvis

The tendency toward implantations on the mucosa of the ureter and bladder demands surgical removal of the kidney, the ureter, and a section of the bladder wall for complete enadication of the disease

Louis Neuwelt, M D

Jansson, G: Roentgen Diagnosis of Papilloma of the Kidney Pelvis (Die Roentgendiagnose bei Nierenbeckenpapillom) Acta radiel, 1935, 16: 354

The author states that although papillomas of the renal pelvis are uncommon, they occur more often than is usually believed. They are often unrecognized because of the difficulties in the diagnosis Clinically, they resemble tumors of the renal parenchyma The most characteristic sign is hematuria, which is profuse, painless, and unpredictable, and begins and ends spontaneously. The nature of the tumor may be detected by finding, in the bladder, implantation metastases with a papillomatous structure like that of the parent tumor The importance of further diagnostic aid is emphasized by the fact that not infrequently the kidney looks and feels entirely normal at exploration, and in several instances has been replaced without removal of the X-ray examination offers some evidence lesion which aids in deciding the course to pursue at operation Papillomas of the renal pelvis produce filling defects in the pyclograms, the nature of which

Of the twenty six dogs treated in this manner three died of peritonitis ten climinated the block from three to six days after the operation seven eliminated it between the seventh and tenth days and in the cases of the others the tube was removed operatively after twenty days. Pyelography and chromocystoscopy were carried out with abrodil and bthocarmine respectively in half the strength used in clinical cases. Detailed anatomical and histological studies were then made on the sacrificed animals

When the urinary stasis so produced did not last more than twelve days it caused both gress and microscopic changes in the kidney some of which (an increase in the size and weight of the organ, dilatation of Bowman's capsule narrowing of the vascular loops an increase in the diameter of the tubules with degeneration of their epithelium edema, and the interstitual exudation of lymphocytes) were transitory, and others (a decrease in the size and weight of the organ after several months dilatation of the calvees pelvis and ureter, hyper plasta of the interstitual connective tissue) were more persistent but non progressive. When the urmary stasis lasted aix days the latter did not prevent per fect restoration of the ability of the kidney to elimi nate abrodil by the end of two weeks and to climi nate indigocarmine by the end of two months. When the block lasted twelve days the elimination of abrodil did not become normal until after a period of thirty days and the elimination of indigocarmine did not become normal until after one hundred days

Following urinary stasis of twenty days duration the kidney did not recover-not even temporarilyits normal anatomical and functional characteristics The renal parenchyma underwent progressive at rophy and sclerosis and after a few months the Lidney lost all its filtering and secretory power

The article is illustrated with numerous photo graphs and photomicrographs of the typical changes EUGENE T LEDDY M D observed

Renal Tuberculoma and Pseu Franceschi F doneoplastic Renat Tuberculosis (Tuberculoma renale e tubercolost renale pseudo neoplastica) Clin chir 1015 II 215

The author reports two cases of renal tuberculosis in which there was hematuria of a peoplastic char acter and the pyelograms suggested the presence of a renal tumor. In one case operation revealed a large tuberculous kidney with ulceration of the papilla, pyehtis and peripyehtis and in the other a single tuherculous nodule which macroscopically resembled a tumor. In one case the diagnosis was made before the operation from the finding of tubercle bacilli in the urine. In the other it was made when the kidney was examined microscopi cally

The author discusses the nodular form of renal tuberculosis which be calls renal tuberculoma PETER A ROSI M D

Priestley J T and Broders A G. Wilms Tomor A Clinical and Pathological Study J Urd TOTS 31 544

Priestley and Broders review sixty five cases of Walms tumor observed at the Mayo Chinic, Thirty seven of the patients who were in advanced stages of the disease when first examined were given only trradiation or symptomatic treatment. The remain ing twenty eight were treated surgically. In twenty cases nephrectomy was done. Forty four of the

sixty five patients were followed to the present time It is the authors' opinion that the proper treat ment of these tumors should include both irradiation and surgical removal. Although in one of the cases reviewed the patient has lived for thirteen and a half years following nephrectomy without supple mentary praduation the remarkable immediate effect of roentgen therapy on highly malignant tumors of the type discussed renders this form of treatment a valuable adjunct to surgery

Radium and deep roentgen therapy have been used and sometimes both in the same case Today deep roentgen therapy to usually employed at the Clinic At least one course of treatment should be given pre-operatively and sometimes a second series is indicated. The dose is regulated by the amount of exposure which will be tolerated and by the therapeutic response as manifested by a decrease in the size of the tumor The optimal time for operation is when the maximal therapeutic response is obtained prior to a secondary increase in the size of the tumor The length of time required for pre operative reradiation and the desired diminution in the size of the mass commonly varies from three to six weeks. In some cases it seems desirable to give pre operative irradiation over the thorax and abdomen in addition to direct treatment of the mass

At the time of operation a large rubber tube may be left for the direct insertion of radium into the wound in the immediate postoperative period. Un less radium is used in very large doses its effect when it is employed in this manner is purely local and extends only a centimeter or two in each direc tion This method of irradiation is prohably most effective when there is a definite area of involved tissue which cannot be removed surgically Radium should not be used in this manner to the exclusion

of postoperative roentgen therapy

Another course of roentgen therapy should be administered during the early postoperative period, and further courses of treatment should he given subsequently The authors believe that in the past they have been too prone to use further treatments with roentgen ravs only if metastasis or local recur rence became evident. It seems advisable to irradi ate again every six to eight weeks for at least five of six months following operation even if there is no evidence of recurrence. The authors state that in the past one of the main errors in their use of irradia tion in three cases was madequate dosage

The general principles in the surgical removal of Wilms tumors are similar to those in the extirpation tous mass at the external margin of the left ureteral orifice, and an intra-ureteral mass about 1 cm above this orifice.

Ascending pyelography with uroselectan showed

the bilateral lesions very distinctly.

Histological examination of a small piece of tissue removed during cystoscopy disclosed the presence

of an adenomatous papilloma

The author believes that the development of adenomatous polyposis of the renal pelvis and ureter is favored by urinary calculosis, chronic infections of the upper urinary passages, and congenital malformations of the kidney.

The diagnosis is usually difficult. Cystoscopy and the examination of the urinary sediment may be of some aid, but ascending pyelography is the most reliable method for prompt detection of the lesion

For unilateral cases of papilloma of the renal pelvis, nephro-ureterectomy has been advised to prevent carcinoma of the ureter and urinary bladder which is apt to ensue in the presence of residual neoplastic tissue. The treatment of bilateral cases is extremely difficult. Only one case in the literature was treated successfully by diathermic coagulation.

The prognosis in these cases is very unfavorable. Death usually occurs rapidly either because of malignant degeneration of the lesion or because of a complication such as severe hemorrhage, hydrone-phrosis, or pyonephrosis

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### BLADDER, URETHRA, AND PENIS

Ormond, J. K.: Interstitual Cystitis. J Urol., 1935, 33 576

In discussing the diagnosis of interstitial cystitis the author says. "In no condition can the diagnosis be made from the history with greater ease than in a severe case of interstitial cystitis. The association of pain with night and day frequency, in the absence of pus or blood in the urine, would always make one suspect interstitial cystitis, and the validity of the suspicion can be tested very simply by catheterizing the patient and determining the capacity of the bladder If slight or moderate distention of the bladder causes pain, rapidly becoming unbearable as the distention increases, the diagnosis becomes probable; and if, after the pain has been produced as the bladder empties, a little blood flows out with the last of the fluid, the diagnosis becomes practically certain, even without a cystoscopic examination."

With regard to treatment, he says: "Treatment resolves itself into three components First and most important is the local treatment to the bladder: second, the treatment of the general condition of the patient, and third, treatment of the concomitant granular urethritis Treatment of the urethritis consists chiefly in dilatation of the urethrize general treatment consisting of eliminating foci of infection, correcting anemia, enforcing rest, and treatment of any other condition which may be present." The methods of treating the local bladder condition which seemed to yield the best results are: (r) rapid dis-

tention of the bladder under anesthesia, (2) fulguration of the ulcer and of some of the surrounding mucous membrane, and (3) resection of the ulcer. Resection of the presacral nerve has not produced uniformly successful results.

With regard to the prognosis, the author says that in almost all cases the condition can be greatly relieved and the patient kept reasonably comfortable. In the early stages there is a tendency toward cure if the treatment is not interrupted.

HENRY L SAMFORD M.D.

Smith, G. G.: The Treatment of Bladder Tumors. Perns: Itaria. M. J., 1935, 38: 569

The author reviews 150 cases of bladder tumors observed in his own practice, describing the treatment and reporting the results obtained in each type. He finds, in general, that papillary tumors occur in younger individuals, while infiltrating tumors have a high incidence in older persons. According to his experience it appears that benign papillomas not infrequently undergo malignant degeneration. Bladder tumors in patients under the age of fifty years show less malignancy than bladder tumors developing in persons over the age fifty.

Smith believes that single pedunculated tumors may be destroyed or removed with fairly good results without removal of the entire thickness of the bladder wall. Radium may be of value in a limited group of cases In cases of multiple tumors of the constantly recurring type which cannot be controlled by other methods cystectomy with transplantation of the ureters into the bowel or the abdominal wall is indicated. The author believes that this method should be employed, not as a last resort, but before appreciable changes occur in the upper urinary tract, while the patient is still in good condition.

Theorem P. Graude, M.D.

Ormond, J. K.: Non-Purulent Urethritis in Women. "Granular Urethritis—Cystalgia." J. Urol., 1935, 33, 483.

In non-purulent urethritis there are urinary symptoms with no or only very minor abnormal urinary findings. Of all the common minor ailments of women which do not threaten life and as a rule do not interfere seriously with the usual activities of life this is the one which most frequently comes to the attention of the urologist. All gynecologists seem to have worked out almost identical methods of treating the condition.

The author discusses the occurrence, etiology, pathology, symptomatology, diagnosis, and treatment, dealing with these subjects as if all forms of non-purulent urethritis or cystalgia were different manifestations of one condition.

He states that non-purulent urethritis is an exceedingly common ailment which often receives scant attention from its victims and is much neglected by physicians in general. It is found at all ages after puberty, but is most frequent in the middle years of life.

depends upon the size, shape and number of the lesions present > The author reports two caser of papilloma of the renal pelvis with particular emphasis on the roomigen findings. HOMER AND ADDRESS M. D. LEG. M. ZOMERNAN, M. D.

Francois J The Diagnosis and Treatment of Ureteral Calculi (Diagnosis et traitment des calculs de l'uretère) J d'urol méd et chir 1935

The churcal symptoms of uncteral calcula are wan able. In some cases there is hittle pain. In others there are attacks of pain re embling renal cole with pryring and hematurna or anura. In a third group the pain is focalized at the site of the calculus stoors at the lower end of the uncer value promotion of Cystics. Elementation of the uncer wanty from the calculus are considered to the factors of the side of the calculus are altered.

In the presence of any of the e symptoms, a roentgenogram should be made. A plain roent genogram will often show the shadows of preteral calcult but as a rule will not be sufficient to establish the diagnosis. If a shadow 1 found in the region of the ureter a roentgenogram should be made with an opaque sound in the ureter. Blocking of this sound by contact with the shadow to be identified indicates a preteral calculus. A second roentgenogram may be made at a different angle to confirm the findings in the first roentgenogram. If the opaque sound does not reach the onaque shadow a ureterogram must be made. The ureterogram may show the onague medium blocked at the level of the sus pected shadow. This indicates a ureteral calculus If the opaque medium passes beyond the shadon but encloses at the shadow is within the ureter A second roentgenogram may be taken at a different angle to confirm the findings II the shadow is entirely out side the ureter, it is not due to a wreter calculus

Although little or no urine may be obtained from the kidney on account of obstruction of the ureter it has been found that after removal of the stone kidney function often becomes normal rapidly

When a urreteral calculus is not opaque to the \( \frac{1}{2} \) and does not show in the roentgenogram as in 13 per cent of the author's cases the presence of the calculus may be demonstrated by blocking of the opaque sound in the ureter or by the urreterogram

In some cases a ureteral stone may be removed by leaving an indwelling catheter in place for twenty four hours When this is done its expulsion may be facultated if glycerine or an oil is injected through the catheter Repeated dilatations of the ureter may remove the stone. If the stone is at uated in the last centimeter of the ureter, it may be removed by a forceps introduced through the cystoscope If the stone is not vivible the urethral meatus may be sectioned with the electric current with the use of a specially constructed electrical sound and the cutting rather than the coagulating current In some cases open operation on the ureter is necessary In others the kidney may be so severely in jured by prolonged obstruction due to the stone that nephrectomy is indicated. As a rule the author prefers secondary pephrectomy rather than pephret tomy at the time of the operation for removal of the stone Of thirty five cases of ureteral stone in which open operation was necessary, primary nephrectomy was done in only three (8 o per cent)

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Olpee reports a case of hilateral polyposis involv ing the ureter and the renal pelvis in a man forty eight years old. The patient stated that about ten years previously he had been seized with pain of moderate intensity which originated in the left groun and radiated toward the hypogastric region. The condition grew worse and ultimately there were fre quent attacks of hematuria Treatment with urmary anti epiics resulted in some relief but later an exacerbation of the symptoms occurred. The exacerbation was followed by an asymptomatic inter val of seven years during which he felt perfectly well. At the end of that time he suddenly experi enced a severe recurrence. The pain involved both lumbar regions radiated toward the lower abdominal quadrants and was accompanied by severe hems turia

Examination by the author disclosed bilateral tenderness on deep pressure over the region of the ureters particularly the left one

Descending pyelography made with the injection of Uroselectan B yielded pyelograms in which the important structures were barely visible

Cystoscopy and catheterization of the preters revealed the presence of a non bleeding papilloma into the prostatic urethra, one on the right side and one on the left side. From the opening on the right side masses of mucopurulent material were discharged. When the opening was enlarged by electrosurgery, a calculus was discovered and dislodged into the bladder. This was subsequently expelled spontaneously during micturition and found to be an agglomeration of small calculi. The patient recovered rapidly The prostatic calculus and diverticula were undoubtedly the cause of the urinary obstruction and infection

In the second case a transurethral resection for vesical neck obstruction had been done in 1930 At that time several small concretions were found in the débris removed by repeated lavage, and a roentgenogram showed several small calculi still present near the vesical neck The condition was much improved by the operation and the patient did not come under observation again until 1934, when he had almost complete retention A review of the history revealed that, in 1930, urethrocystoscopic examination had demonstrated the presence of diverticular openings in the prostatic urethra Urethrography carried out by the author disclosed bilateral diverticula with evidence of calculi and an associated vesical neck obstruction due to prostatic hypertrophy. The diverticular openings were enlarged, numerous small calculi were removed, and the vesical neck obstruction was relieved by the use of the combined coagulating and cutting current

In the third case the patient gave a long history of partial urmary obstruction and urinary infection In the last few years the symptoms had become more severe, probably because of the associated calculus formation The plain roentgenogram revealed large intraprostatic calculi, and urethrography showed diverticula which could be superimposed exactly on the shadows of the calculi Urethrocystoscopy disclosed the orifices of the diverticula and hypertrophy of the lateral lobes A combined transurethral electrosurgical operation was done to open the diverticula, remove the calculi, and reduce the lateral lobe obstruction The patient made a good recovery and eliminated five large and fortythree small stones spontaneously.

The possibility of calculus formation in prostatic diverticulitis and its clinical significance are clearly shown in these cases. More cases of this type will undoubtedly be reported as attention is called to them. The author emphasizes the value of urethrography in the diagnosis of prostatic diverticula. He states that the stones in a diverticulum are evidently formed in situ as a result of stagnation and infection of urine in the diverticulum.

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Heitz-Boyer: Prostatic Diverticulitis and Cancer of the Prostate (Maladie diverticulaire prostatique et cancer de la prostate) J d'urol. méd et chir, 1935, 39 386

Heitz-Boyer states that prostatic diverticula may be complicated by various conditions which he

believes are the direct result of the inflammatory changes in and around the diverticulum. He regards it as reasonable to suppose that chronic inflammatory changes may ultimately result in malignant degeneration in the prostatic tissues as in other tissues. However, between the simple inflammatory lesions and the true malignant neoplasm there are many intermediate stages. It is in these stages that treatment can be effectively instituted and the development of malignancy prevented

The author reports a case in which there was chronic urinary obstruction due to prostatic enlarge-On palpation, the prostate was found to be hard, but not nodular Urethrography showed a diverticulum on the right side, and urethrocystoscopy disclosed inflammatory polypoid vegetations which made it impossible to detect the orifice of the diverticulum. The diverticulum was opened and inflammatory tissue resected by a two-stage transurethral operation Careful histological examination of the resected tissue showed inflammatory changes and a papilloma of the stratified epithelial type, but no malignancy The patient was entirely relieved of the urinary symptoms for several months He then developed a recurrence which was found to be due to prohieration of scar tissue acting as a foreign body. When this was destroyed by electrocoagulation, improvement continued without interruption

In spite of the relief of the urinary symptoms, the prostate still remains abnormally hard and there is some subprostatic prolongation of the lateral lobes, especially the left. However, there are no clinical symptoms of malignancy. The author beheves that in this case the inflammatory changes were of the type that tend toward malignant degeneration, and that the resection of the inflammatory tissue and the clearing out of the diverticulum, which was evidently the primary site of the inflammatory changes, may have prevented the development of cancer.

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Fuchs, F.: In What Cases Should Transurethral High-Frequency Operations on the Neck of the Bladder Be Performed? (Bei welchen Faellen soll die transurethrale Hochfrequenzoperation des Blasenhalses angewendet werden?) Wien klin Welnschr, 1935, 1. 149

At the present time in Vienna, urologists are using instruments of two new types which meet every conceivable requirement of transurethral operations on the neck of the bladder and render it improbable that further technical improvement will be made very soon. These two instruments are the Bitschai-Zeiss and Kornitzer-Leiter prostate cutters.

Because of the stabilization of the technical development resulting from the use of these instruments it is possible and necessary to determine the indications for the transurethral procedure for diseases of the neck of the bladder and the prostate with a certain degree of accuracy. The patient with prostatic disease whose kidneys are in too poor con-

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Although inspection palpation and catheter ization are usually sufficient for the recognition of non-purulent urethritis endoscopy is usually necessary to confirm the diagnosis and for treatment

At present it is impossible to say with certainty whether the various endoscopic and eystoscopic appearances described are due to different grades of the same process or are the results of various causes and based on wholly different reactions and patho

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

Scott W. W. Repair of Rectal Tear and Recto-Urethral Fistula. J. Urol. 1031, 33-643

In cases of rectal tear occurring in perineal prostatectom, the author autures the tear immediately and places an individuog catheter in the urelter. An important feature of the postoperative treatment consists in keeping the bowels closed for from tento twelve days to allow proper healing.

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Stiasny II The Hereditary Nature of Ostropsathyrosia (Vererlarket) der Ostropsathyrosis) Indian's I Chir 134 p 654

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Ochlecker, F.: Ankylosing Inflammation of the Spinal Articulations. Spondylarthritis ankylopoletica. And we steeled an Waled the concombined Spinishrenia and I proceed to the discounter of Chr. Leiler, 1912.

The author describes the characteristic features of spondaretheria, anhalogochea (Struempell Mark Bechteria disease and diseases the differential diagnosis of the condition from spondalitis (spondal) is deformant on the base of a series of photographs and rocategocytams. In this very sloady progressing disease there is ale as at first an influmination with atrophy of the cartillines and ankalo is of the small vertebral articulations. The first stage can be easily overlooked in the rocategocytam unless it is borne in mind and oblique exposures are made. Not infrequently the rocatego diagnosis of spondylitis is populated is deforment is made at first because, even in the prime of adult life, when spondylitis ankalopoietica is most frequent, many

vertebral columns show marginal exosto es and thickenings on the vertebrar at certain sites. The importance of changes which are demonstrated eas ils on roentgen examination is often overestimated whereas changes which are demonstrated with difficulty are often underestimated. It is not until the second stage of spondylarthritis ankylopes etica that ossifications of the ligaments of the articu lations such as the antenor long-tudinal beament and bridgings of the intervertebral disks appear These changes can be easily seen in the roentgenogram Lartial or complete ankalous of the some occurs much earlier as the result of obliteration of the vertebral articulations. Of great importance for early diagnosis is careful roentgen examination of the sacro-diac articulation which in many cases disappears very early a fact apparently known to comparatively few With regard to the cause of the condition nothing certain is known. As O blecker found no increase in the calcium content of the blood in his cases, he disapproves of parathyreidectomy the operative treatment recommended by the Rus

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Theories regarding the pathogenesis of joint chondromatosis are discussed in detail

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3 Juvenile osteo-asthenic protru ion. The condition develops at the age of pub-ity in gilb in the absence of signs of arthritic or traumatic changes in the hip joint probably as the result of weakness.

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#### SURGERY OF THE BONES JOINTS MUSCLES TENDONS ETC

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Billioth in 1801 was the first to attempt internal momeo-abdomial amputation due it remained for Curtacl four years later to achieve it with survival of the patient. In several, name cases reported in the intertuine up to the present time the militality was about 19, per cera. However, the militality was about 19, per cera in 1902 to 2588 in which the operation was done since 1910 the mortality was 40 per cera.

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abdominis muscle is then cut from its insertion on the pubic crest, the pubis denuded on both sides, and the symphysis divided. Next, a skin incision is made from the center of the iliac crest to the gluteal fold and along this fold to meet the lower mesial end of the first incision. The ilium is sawed through into the sciatic notch. The innominate bone and lower extremity can then be drawn away from the pelvic peritoneum. The psoas muscle is sectioned above the pelvic brim, and all other muscles attached to the disengaged os innominatum are divided near the bone. After hemostasis and injection of nerve trunks, the remains of the muscles are sutured to re-inforce the peritoneum and the skin flaps are sutured. Blood transfusions should always be given

The authors have performed this operation in five cases with death in two. They believe it probable that in the future such an extensive surgical procedure will be undertaken less and less frequently because of the more conservative irradiation therapy now

possible

Their cases may be summarized briefly as follows Case 1. Sarcoma of the femur and innominate hone The patient was a man twenty-five years of age Roentgen examination revealed a large periosteal sarcoma of the neck, trochanter, and 7 in of the shaft of the femur which involved also the acetabulum and the ilium At the lower part of the growth there was a pathological fracture The general condition of the patient was poor Arrangements for blood transfusion miscarried, and the patient died six hours after the operation

Case 2 Osteoclastoma of the innominate bone A boy seventeen years of age developed a large hard swelling in the perineum and upper part of the thigh following an injury sustained in a football game Roentgen examination disclosed almost complete disappearance of the left ischiopubic junction and a tumor mass surrounding this region in which irregular bone formation was seen. During and just after the operation the patient was given 1,200 c cm of blood by transfusion. He recovered and was discharged on the forty-ninth day after the operation. He now wears, day and night, an abdominal webbing support going over the right shoulder.

An enormous chondroma of the ilium extending from the hip to the costal margin. The patient was a man fifty-nine years of age who had had a small tumor in the groin since infancy the past two years the tumor had increased to a tremendous size The patient was completely disabled and suffered severe pain The operation was done with great difficulty because the tumor mass obscured all landmarks There was an almost fatal fall in the blood pressure Twelve hundred cubic centimeters of blood were given by transfusion during the operation and 500 c cm later Although the wound healed poorly and thrombophlebitis of the popliteal vein of the other leg developed, the patient eventually recovered

Case 4 Sarcoma of the pelvis of a man twentyeight years old The growth had traversed the

midline At operation it was necessary to cut the bone on the opposite side of the pubis Death occurred about two hours after the operation

Case 5. Sarcoma of the upper end of the femur The patient was a boy eighteen years old who had a swelling on the upper part of the thigh which he claimed had been present for only three weeks Roentgen examination showed rarefaction of the cortex, a periosteal reaction, and fine spicules at right angles to the shaft of the femur at the junction of the upper and middle thirds The innominate amputation was done because disarticulation was considered inadequate The patient suffered very little shock and made an uneventful recovery

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### FRACTURES AND DISLOCATIONS

Hess, J. H., Bronstein, I. P., and Abelson, S. M.: Atlanto-Axial Dislocations Unassociated with Trauma and Secondary to Inflammatory Foci in the Neck Am J. Dis Child, 1935, 49 1137

The authors present a summary of the literature on non-traumatic atlanto-axial dislocations. To the twenty-two cases reported by others they add two of their own As they believe that the anatomical relations, roentgen diagnosis, and treatment of such dislocations have been adequately dealt with, they confine their discussion to the pathogenesis They believe that atlanto-axial deviation is dependent upon primary weakening of the lateral ligaments with additional factors such as muscle spasm, excessive rotation, or fixed rotation They have found no record of injury to the spinal cord For the prevention of such dislocations they suggest the avoidance of over-rotation of the head in the exposure of operative fields and in the cases of children wearing massive dressings for suppurating cervical foci

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Magendie, J. Chronic Arthritis of the Ossifying Type Following Fracture of the Spine (Arthrite chronique post-fractuaire du rachis à forme hyperostosante) J. de méd de Bordeaux, 1935, 112. 347

The author reports the case of a man forty-two years of age who was thrown from a car, landing on his back. He was able to walk, but complained of pain in the back. He was observed for forty-eight hours in a hospital and then taken home, where he remained in bed for a month and a half. He had retention of urine during the first few days and persistent constipation. Roentgenograms taken at the time of the accident (only the anteroposterior view) were said to be negative.

After the patient was up and around he gradually improved and became able to go back to work with only a few complaints. About ten months after the accident he had an increase in symptoms and lateral roentgenograms disclosed an old fracture of the tenth and eleventh thoracic vertebræ with calcification of the intervertebral disk and herniation of the

nucleus pulpous. He reluxed treatment but for months later he returned because of presistent pain. The application of a plaster cast in hyperestension which was vorm for three months resulted in marked relief of the symptoms. Fig free amounts after the mynur he had a quiden most of hypes thesis of the left leg along the course of the thard lumbar nerve. Reenigenograms disclosed a partial young market the later of the sound in the contraction of the left leg along the course of the thard market properties. The conmonth is the contract to the later of the sound in the contract fracture of the sound.

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The author believes that in the treatment of fractures of the neal of the femur the process of nathing of done by the method of Sven Johan.son makes it possible to obtain reportion and faction of the fracture ends with preservation and faction of and a short period of disability even in the most aged patients with far better prospects of good and lasting results.

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The author has performed fifteen operations by this method. Ossessus healing resulted in third act of the patient the I worked edgs after the operation and one has still under treatment at the time of this report. Eleven of the thirteen patients have numbered almost normal functions and two have good function. BRANKAR STM ON VID

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The author stresses the sensors nature of fractures of the body of the calcaneum and the importance of early and accurate diagnosis of such fractures. He discusses the different types of calcaneal fractures

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# SURGERY OF THE BLOOD AND LYMPH SYSTEMS

### BLOOD VESSELS

Alglave, P.: The Treatment of Varices (Le traitement des varices); Presse med, Par, 1935, 43 937

The author discusses the relative ments of the 2 chief methods of treating varices—the injection of solutions to produce sclerosis of the veins and radical operation. He quotes a discussion before the National Surgical Society in which, although differences of opinion were expressed, even the advocates of injection admitted the more or less serious risks of the method. The multiplicity of the substances used for the injections, which include sodium carbonate, sodium salicylate, sodium citrate, sodium morrhuate, biniodid or bichloride of mercury, quinine, and hypertonic saline solution, seems to indicate that none of them has been found entirely satisfactory.

In the one case which the author treated by the injection method he used sodium salicylate according to Sicard's directions. As 3 injections into the most seriously affected part of the leg were without

result, he gave up the treatment

In a review of the literature on the treatment of varices by injection, Alglave found 3 groups of cases. (1) those in which the injections apparently gave a good result but the beneficial effect was temporary, (2) those in which the injections had no effect, (3) and those in which the results were negative or temporary and there were unfavorable by-effects Illustrative cases of these 3 groups are cited Alglave has never known a case in which the good result lasted more than two or three years The unfavorable by-effects may be slight or serious The injections may cause quite intense pain, spasm of muscles of the leg to which the injections may penetrate through the communicating veins, or impotence of the leg for hours or days More serious results are phlebitis, persistent atonic wounds, impotence with amyotrophy of the muscles of the calf, heart disturbances from repeated injections, and serious or fatal embolism

By his method of operation Alglave has obtained good results which have lasted for ten, fifteen, and twenty years He advocates a very complete 2-stage operation, the steps of which he shows by illustrations In one stage the operation is done on the veins of the thigh and in the other on those of the

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As the communicating veins often enlarge in varices, thereby connecting the deep and superficial veins, and as the persistent veins are frequently the cause of recurrence, the operation includes not only as complete removal of the lesions as possible but also ligation of the communicating vessels. The operation is free from danger if it is performed cor-

rectly after proper preparation of the skin particularly in areas that are diseased or ulcerated. Alglave has performed it for over thirty years and in more than 1,000 cases of varices, some of them simple but others severe and complicated by hemorrhage, phlebitis, or ulcers. On the basis of this experience he is thoroughly convinced of the superiority of complete resection to any method of injection.

AUDREY GOSS MORGAN, M D.

Greco, T. Post-Traumatic Thrombosis of the Carotid Artery (Le trombosi post-traumatiche della carotide) Arch ital. di chir., 1935, 39 757

Greco summarizes and critically reviews twentysix cases of post-traumatic thrombosis of the carotid artery which he collected from the literature, reports a case of his own, and discusses the etiology, pathology, symptomatology, diagnosis, and treat-

He states that although the condition is not so uncommon as is suggested by the literature, it is unusual in civil life. The first comprehensive discussion of it was published by Hunt in 1914. The majority of the reported cases were due to war wounds Greco has been unable to find any review of the condition since that of Stierlin and Meyenburg in 1920. He is interested especially in the contusive type which in peace times is more frequent than the type due to penetrating wounds and more hable to be overlooked than the latter.

Greco's patient, a man twenty-three years of age, was thrown from a bicycle, striking the left side of the mandible but apparently sustaining only superficial lacerations of the face. A few minutes after the accident he developed general malaise and some amblyopia These disappeared in a few hours, but after a free interval of sixteen hours they recurred in association with vomiting, headache, aphasia, and a right hemiplegia. The patient rapidly became unconscious Craniotomy showed no meningeal Death occurred sixty hours after the hematoma accident Autopsy revealed no lesion of the subcutaneous tissues or muscles of the neck, but disclosed an occluding thrombus of the internal carotid arising from a transverse lineal laceration of the intima and media. Above the thrombus the lumen was patent as far as the carotid foramen, beyond which there was a thrombus filling the middle cerebral artery

These findings are similar to those in the majority of cases coming to autopsy. In contusion, the lesions of the intima may be limited to slight lacerations. As a rule the emboli are multiple and show

retrograde growth

In the development of the symptoms the following three stages can be distinguished

t Immediately after the trauma. Although at the symptoms are rather vague, there is certainly a momentary supersion of credition in the affected area. To this may be attributed the dizzness amily opia, and make it which, although tran tent are disperiporitonate to the obvious lesions.

2 The establishment and organization of the thrombus in this period there may be no aximptions at all or the primary di turbances may return. The sign of crucial importance is diminution or absence of the exceed and temporal rules on the

affected side

5 The almost inervisible occurrence of embolsom This may produce no symptoms of the patient is siready, unconscious and hemiplegic from insufficiency of the collateral circulation or may be the outstanding feature. In cases of not defaultight to trace cerebral symptoms to their true origin when they develop unreprecedly after a free pervis and no striking sign rules attention to the cascula. This is the collection of the case of the triking sign rules attention to the cascula. This is the little studied.

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LYMPH GLANDS AND LYMPHATIC VESSELS

Mitchell, L. A. Malignant Monoblastoms. A. Nariant of Monocotte Leukemia. And Int. Med. 1918. 8. 151.

The recognition of monocytic leukenia as a diincit disease is due to recognism of the monocytas an independent cell entity. The theory of cell relationship which advanced this sew is now generally accepted by hemitologists. The author reviews the theories regarding the methol of retion of the monocyte and discusses the three theories which have received the widest recognition.

The uniterians (Maximon) believe that the monocyte in common with the other blood rel's takes its origin from the lymphocyte. They see in the lymphocyte an element which is relatively un differentiated as to structure and function and exists solely to produce other blood cells. The dualists (\segels) recognize two independent series of leucocytes. They believe that the monocyte is of myeland origin, developing from the mielablast while the lymphocyte is an independent cell type The theory advanced by Cunningham habin and floan is most generally accepted today. These ob servers recognize three types of leucus; tes each with its own characteristic rematormetic tique which arises from a common mesenchs mai rest and atem cell. They believe that the monocyte arres in the connective tissue from so-called historytes of the reticulo-endothelial system. The monocyte which arres from the bistocyte of the diffuse convertise treates to a stall smaller cell than the clasmatorate The monocyte is phagicytic, but takes up firer particulate matter than the clasmatocyte and has an

affinity for bookly The author presents a detailed report of the chinical history blood findings and gross an i must scopic fedings at postmortem examination in a case of mai mant menoblastoms. This variant of monocytic leukemia is described for the first time It comes under the classification of leukwarcome and presents an alculemic and a leukemic thave with a terminal blood ficture of monocytic leukemia In the case reported there was an unusually we're spread defiritely malignant hyperplay a of reticul endothelial cells. A peculiar feature of the patholog cal change was multiple recurring mone if issigmen which were formed by localized hapery lang of the histocetes of the diffuse cornective tissues. In the alcukemic phase these midules constituted the coli invifrement of the reticulo en L thel alaysters while in the leukemic phase they were accompanied by hyperplana of the reticularend thelial cells of the stroma of the organs broce their occurrence antedated by at least five months both the leabern blood po ture and the clim al esidence of reflects en fotbelial hyperplasia in the liver and of leen the not les could not be explained either se beatmel deposits of circulating rain 2'se t or as the t metas ares. The author note is close parallel be tween the course of the een litton in the case and

the course of malignant lymphoblastoma with terminal lymphatic leukemia, a disease of the lymphatic system He states that both conditions present a characteristic type of malignant blastoma, the spread of which is usually limited to the tissues in which it originates, and at least the possibility of a terminal leukemia which reflects the character of the cells forming the blastoma

He concludes that the literature and the case he reports tend to substantiate the view that the monocyte has a separate origin from other leucocytes and that monocytic leukemia is a distinct HERBERT F THURSTON, M D disease

Ehrlich, J. C., and Gerber, I E.: The Histogenesis of Lymphosarcomatosis. Am J Cancer, 1935,

The authors first review the history of our knowledge regarding the development of lymphomas They call attention to the confusion which exists concerning the nature of lymphosarcoma and its relation to sarcoma on the one hand and to lymphoid diseases on the other They then discuss the histogenesis of lymphosarcoma with special emphasis on

the rôle of the reticulum and lymphocytes

Biopsy and histological studies of autopsy material in eighteen cases of lymphosarcomatosis revealed varied histological pictures which could be classified into three main groups on the basis of the morphological characteristics of the predominating cell type There were found (1) cases in which large, pale cells in reticular arrangement predominated, (2) cases showing a mixture of cells, some of which were reticular like those in the first group. and some of which were free (morphologically the free cells resembled immature, large lymphocytic cells), and (3) cases in which the lymphosarcomatous tissues were composed predominantly of free cells of either the immature or the mature lymphocytic type These three types, for descriptive purposes, were termed "reticular," "intermediate," and "lymphocytic," respectively.

These types were found to correspond in their essential morphological features to the immature, intermediate, and mature cells resulting from normal

differentiation of the reticulum cell along lymphoporetic lines This similarity, together with evidences of the progressive transformation of the less mature into more mature cell types in lymphosarcomatosis, indicated that the histogenesis of the disease consists of progressive lymphopoietic differentiation of the cytoplasmic reticulum

Lymphopoiesis as it occurs in lymphosarcomatosis manifests blastomatous characteristics These are indicated by the unrestricted growth of the

tumor masses and the atypism of the cells.

Lymphosarcomatosis arises in a region of lymph nodes, from which it extends to other regions of lymphatic tissue and other organs in progressive fashion The spread occurs by direct local extension and by metastasis via the lymphatics and the blood stream In addition, there occurs an autochthonous formation of lymphosarcomatous foci in many centers of lymphatic tissue This autochthonous origin is evident in partially involved nodes, where intermediate stages in the formation of these foci from local reticulum cells may be observed. In two of the authors' cases it was demonstrated by diffuse involvement of the malpighian follicles of the spleen

As a result of these modes of spread, many cases of lymphosarcomatosis show, in their late stages, a widespread involvement of the lymphatic tissues (with the exception of the spleen) and of other or-

Lymphosarcomatosis differs from the true sarcomas in its simultaneous origin in various lymph nodes in one region, its autochthonous mode of spread, and its tendency to be restricted to one type of tissue It bears certain resemblances to lymphadenosis, such as identical histogenesis, restriction to lymphatic tissue, and systematization. Nevertheless, its focal origin, the more aggressive character of its growth, its focal involvement of lymph nodes, and its limited systematization classify it as a blastomatous disease of lymphatic tissue whereas lymphadenosis is of a hyperplastic From the oncological point of view. lymphosarcomatosis may be classified as a blastomatous disease in the group of hemoblastoses

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## SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

#### OPERATIVE SURGERY AND TECHNIQUE, POSTOPERATIVE TREATMENT

Friedrich II The Operative Risk in Cases of Hemophilia (Ueber das Operationstrisko bes Haemophilen) Chieurg 1935 7 73

Amoung that his patient is a bleeder it is some times difficult for the surgeon to decide whether the risk of hemorrhage from an indicated operation is greater or less than that of withholding operative states that the state of the state o

The author reports three cases and attempts to

establish rules of a general and particular fasture with regard to the indications for operation in hemophilia. He estimates the insk of fatal hemor thage to be about 35 per cent and therefore concludes that in the presence of hemophilis operation should be performed only for conditions which certainly or in all probability will cause death in a

should be performed only for conditions which certainly of in all probability will cause death in a limited period of time if they are not treated surgically. He states that in appendicitis operation should be attempted only when perstonitis has already developed or is threatening and in ileus and gastric ulcer it should be considered only after all other methods of treatment have proved unsucces ful. In cases of gastric carcinoma and malignant tumors in general operation is inadvisable Joints and other skeletal structures should be subjected only to incision or puncture for acute In cases of hematoms operation suppuration should usually be avoided. The question as to the value of blood transfusion or the administration of natem preparations as pre-operative treatment in cases of hemophilia cannot set be answered. The electric knyle offers no advantages. The question as to whether bleeders with greater risk of hemor rhage can be differentiated from those with less risk on the basis of examination or the previous history

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Truster H M and Cogswell H D The Question of Homoplastic Skin Grufting J Am M tss

There is much controversy regarding the transference of whin from one individual to another in spite of the fact that practically all recent scientific observation has proved this type of graft unsuccessful. After ching a number of contradictory reports from the literature the authors present then observe tions in fise cases I most of the cases the grain adhered and appeared to take but liter bloughed off. Subsequent healing was delayed by the unhealthness of the remaining granulations. What ever infection appeared seemed to be of low grade and secondary to the necross.

The authors conclude that the graits fail because of some biological incompatibility and that such stafting is useless, deleterious and innecessary

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Frimann Dahl J Postoperative Roentgen Examinations 1 Disphragmanic Excursions and the Postoperative Venous Flow (Postoperative New Longue and Excursions and the Postoperative Venous Town July 2008) and der postoperative Venous Maria Chiral Scott 1935 76 Supp 36

The importance of slowing of the blood flow in the development of thrombosis is generally conceded Movements of the diaphraem are thought to play a port in regulating the rate of venous return. The author studied the range of diaphragmatic excursion before and after operation by X ray examination In a series of twenty cases in which an abdominal operation was performed he found a significant diminution in the range of motion on the first day which was followed by gradual restoration to the normal over a period of twelve days. The restriction of motion was most pronounced following operations on the upper abdomen The type of anesthetic used played no part I wo factors are responsible for the inhibition of diaphragmatic excursion-peritoneal pain and meteorism The former was found to be the more important Forced respiration and in creased depth of inspiration following carbon-dioxide subalation were correspondingly reduced following operation

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The delayed venous emptying did not coincide with the finhibition of the displiragmatic excursions and can therefore not be attributed to the decreased mobility of the displiragm. More important lateria were meteorism which increased latera abdominal

involving the entire extremity and (s) the fulmi nating rapidly fatal type

Gas gangrene is to be suspected in all traumatic wounds in which a disturbance of the main and

collateral circulation is associated with considerable injury to muscle and bone. It may follow also

simple lacerations and burns

The condition is manifested clinically by undue pain in a wound from one to four days after the mittal trauma. The wound is brownish and angry looking There is a serous discharge with a characteristic mousy odor Later crepitation is noted on palpation of the tissue and there is a liquefied fatty discharge Roentgenograms will show the gas bub bles Bacteriological evamination will identify the organism

The authors review filteen cases-three of Type 1 two of Type a three of Type a six of Type 4, and one of Type 5 The mortality was 20 per cent

The initial trauma ranged in severity from extensive injury to the simplest laceration. In many cases the condition was due to cuts from glass. In one case the gangrene followed an injection of variouse veins for ulcer. In 80 per cent of the cases the lower extremity was involved. The number of days after the initial trauma before the appearance of as motoms was about four. The characteristic mousy odor was noted in twelve cases Crepitation and the excape of gas occurred in all Extreme pain out of proportion to the wound injury was present in eleven cases

At operation pathological changes in muscle tissue were found in fourteen cases. The muscles had a mahogany red or boiled bam appearance depending upon the degree of involvement. In more advanced cases necrosis of the tissues was found. A progressive anemia was characteristic of the blood meture until the infection subsided. Syphilis of pregnancy existing at the time of the occurrence of the infection did not after the climical picture in any

All wounds with impaired circulation and destruction of tissue should be considered as poten

tially gas infected and treated by careful débride ment with the removal of all foreign material absolute hemostasis and the establishment of adequate drainage. The discharge from the wound

should be carefully watched and cultured for the eas bacillus. Antiserum should be used early

Amputation is indicated when the main circulation is definitely obstructed and viability of the limb is impossible. It is in heated also when acute symptoms of gas injection appear from twenty four to forty-right hours after trauma to a limb causing extensive lacerations of tissue joint destruction or consi lerable comminution of bone Conservative treatment is preferable when the incubation period is long the blood supply is good and the progress of the infection is slow. In civil surgery, the skin flap method with a high amputation is suitable. After thirty ax bours the flap is turned down over the denucted area. If amoutation is not done multiple incisions are made the petroi c bisse it and and the wound is dakinged

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abdomen for a month. At operate, abscess was found and was draine I b by a counter incision in the f'ink tinued to discharge profusely for anite of all kinds of general medical tal f. nal sile finally became undermined and began to spread subcutaneously and to form an ulcer Three weeks later the skin perforated from beneath and a secondary ulcer formed. The author advised a radical excision, but as improvement then began radical procedures were postponed and ultraviolet-ray treatment was given The sinuses continued to drain for seventeen months longer and then closed spontaneously The course of the condition lasted twenty-six months

The fourth case was seen in St Michael's Hospital, Newark, N J The patient was a woman who had been subjected to an interval appendectomy a year previously. The wound became infected and, instead of healing, continued to discharge After six months the infection began to undermine the skin and caused the formation of a large ulcer which gradually enlarged by a process of undermining and liquefaction of the margin. Excision of the undermined flap failed to stop the progress of the lesion Vaccines and filtrates were of no avail Antimony had no effect Maggots were tried and nearly drove the patient insane by their activity Her morale was completely shattered The pain in the wound could hardly be controlled with large doses of morphine Cultures from the lesion yielded a pure culture of a hemolytic streptococcus which would only grow anaerobically In the previous cases this organism had been present in mixed culture. It was now apparent that this was probably the causative organism Its preference for an anaerobic environment suggested the use of a perovide to inhibit its activity Clarke and Miller, of the Department of Biological Chemistry, Columbia University, were asked if they could suggest a perovide that would yield its oxygen over a relatively long period of time rather than give it off abruptly After some deliberation they suggested zinc perovide A creamy suspension of the powder was made in sterile water and applied to the wound Within three days a favorable reaction was apparent By the end of a week the appearance of both the patient and the wound had changed The patient's morale was restored, the fever and pain subsided, and the undermined flaps began to adhere As soon as the flaps were sealed down, new skin began to grow in from the margins. Soon it was possible to apply skin grafts. The use of the zinc peroxide was then stopped. The wound healed over rapidly except for two small areas in the groin where the skin margin was rolled in In one of these areas a sinus was beginning to form This sinus persisted for several months after the patient left the hospital She finally came over to the author's lahoratory for a culture to be taken directly from the sinus The micro-aerophilic hemolytic streptococcus was again found deep down in the sinus Following careful application of the zinc peroxide to the depths of the sinus the sinus finally closed

The fifth case was that of a negress who was admitted to a ward of the Sloane Hospital, New York City The condition followed a hysterectomy per-ormed after a dilatation and curettage The ibdominal wound became infected, and for two

months large quantities of pus drained from three When an anaerobic bacteriological study was made, the micro-aerophilic hemolytic streptococcus was found in pure culture The sinus was injected with a watery suspension of zinc perovide and a roentgenogram made to determine its extent. The zinc outlined the cavity and tract clearly It revealed large subcutaneous pockets on either side and a sinus extending deep into the pelvis. The sinus openings were connected by an incision and the subcutaneous pockets laid bare Thereafter, the wound was irrigated daily with saline solution, and zinc peroxide suspended in 1 per cent gelatin was instilled It was soon impossible to enter the sinus tract with even a small catheter, but a roentgenogram disclosed a large mass of fragmented zinc peroxide deep in the pelvis Judged from its fragmented appearance, this was probably a portion of the peroxide originally injected in the watery suspension The mass was obviously behind the rectum After its evacuation from the rear the wounds

healed promptly.

The sixth case was that of a woman seen at the Beth Israel Hospital, New York City. One year previously the patient had been subjected to hysterectomy The wound became infected and the drainage site gradually became a chronically draining sinus. Various antiseptics were used without avail Gradually the sinus began to undermine and spread. Several attempts were made to halt the infection by conservative excisions, but it became continuously worse Secondary closure was finally attempted, but broke down The patient was then transferred to a ward of the Presbyterian Hospital The undermining then extended down into the vulva and out in the flanks Bacteriological examination again revealed the micro-aerophilic hemolytic streptococcus The wound was thereupon treated at once with a suspension of zinc perovide in a 5 per cent sodium pyrophosphate solution which suspends the heavy powder even better than gelatin and does not favor the growth of other organisms Very promptly the fever subsided, the patient felt better, and the wound began to heal The re-entrant angles slowly but progressively closed and the skin became adherent The rolled-in margins were trimmed off and in a short time it became possible to plant skin grafts in the center to test their ability to survive in the presence of exudate The skin grafts grew nicely and soon fused A little later the whole surface was covered with grafts and the wound promptly healed

From these brief case abstracts a composite picture of this clinical entity may be outlined as follows.

The characteristic features of the infection begin gradually What appears to be an ordinary drainage tract from a deep or subcutaneous abscess fails to follow the usual course of healing. The skin margins become undermined and the edges roll in There is no gangrene but a gradual liquefaction of the skin margins with the production of a progressive ulcer Daughter ulcers form either by liquefac tion of the skin from beneath or by the introduction of the organism from without Sinuses form as the infection burrous down between the muscles. In lessons of the lower part of the abdomen the under mining frequently spreads doy n toward the groun or the pubic region extending into the vulsa or scrotum or beneath the crease of the groin into the thigh In the e regions it may extend mward disserting beneath the muscles and forming deep sinuses into the pelvis. Occasionally one margin shows a spontaneous terdency to heaf Flouever instead of progressing steadily the margin of the new epithelium may uddenly become clear cut and remain stationary for a long period of time or rapidly melt away

In most cases the lesson is only moderately pain ful but in some the pain may be exerugating. There is usually a daily rise in the temperature to between 101 and 103 degrees F This fluctuates markedly from week to week. During the periods of fever the patient is usually greatly prostrated. In the course of time the lack of response to treatment brings great discouragement and gradually breaks down the patient a morale sometimes to such a degree that the patient evo esses a desire to commit suitable After months or years of suppuration the lesion oc casionally heals spontaneously but as a rule the ulcer spreads and the sinuses burrow deeply and cause death f om the erosion of a large vessel or the gradual development of amyloid degenera 202 of the liver poteen and Lidneys

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The e-sential organism in the infection is a hemo lytic streptococcus which prefers an anaerob c en vironment Its immediate source is probably the intestinal tract or the vaging. In four of the sir cases reported it could be obtained only by appendic cultivation. In two of these it was present in pure culture In two of the long standing cases it was found with acr thic cultivation. However even when it was obtained acrobic. He it was found to grow very much better anserobically After artificial cul tsvation on meat medium it gradually takes on abrobse properties and after a few generations will grow on the at obse plate. It shows the usual rul tural characteristics of beta hemolytic streptococci It may have been originally an ordinary serobe which adopted sizelf to the anaerobic environment of the intestinal tract

#### ANESTRESIA

Dassen R. Fyramidal Syndrome Following Spinal Amesthesia (Sundrome presmidal consecutivo a una raquianestesia). Somona méd. 1935. 42. 1143

Sequelæ of nervous ongan following spinal ares the ia, such as paraplegia radicular neuralgia ophthalmoplegia, and encephalitis with menial con fu son are well known The condit on reported by the author is not seen frequently and presents con siderable difficulty in diagnosis. The author's pa tient had been subjected to an operation for hidstid cyst of the Lidney performed under pinal anesthaux induced according to the usual technique of the service without incident. The first disturbances consisted of weakness or the left arm and leg exaggerated reflexes and merial confusion. The blood pressure was normal and the Wa ermann test negative The condition progressed to a left sided hemiotema but this cleared up within a period of one month under only symptomatic treatment UDITAY R MEERER M D

# PHYSICOCHEMICAL METHODS IN SURGERY

## RADIUM

Schreiner, B. F., Reinhard, M. C., and Wehr, W. H.: Telecurietherapy. Am. J. Cancer, 1935, 24 386

"Telecurietherapy" is defined as the treatment of malignant tumors with gamma rays from radium at a distance from the skin. The applicators are referred to as "cannons," "packs," or "bombs". The author prefers the term "pack."

In general, the more deeply situated the malignant process the greater should be the distance between the radium and the skin However, the intensity reaching the skin decreases as the square of the distance employed Large quantities of radium must be used with the greater distances The field may be circular, square, or rectangular, and from 25 to 100 sq cm in area A primary filter of platinum should be supplemented by a secondary filter at the bottom of the treatment cone Records of the dosage used in telecurietherapy should state the filter, the distance, the amount and distribution of the radium, the time of the treatments, the time interval between the treatments, and the rate of the dosage The authors have adopted the X-ray unit of intensity, the roentgen, as a unit of gammaray intensity although they recognize that investigators do not agree that gamma rays can be measured in the same way as X-rays They present tables of intensity showing the percentage of the depth dosage up to 20 cm with the use of their new pack of from one to three sections and as compared with the 4-gm pack at various distances The table is accompanied by isodose charts

When the lesions are located at or near the surface, one field of application is sufficient. An illustrative carcinoma of the dorsum of the hand is described and shown in a photograph Deeper lesions such as those of the pharynx and nasopharynx require two or three ports of entry for thorough irradiation Illustrative cases are reported with isodose charts for this type of therapy In cases of lesions deep in the pelvis the amount of irradiation reaching the lesions is usually inadequate or the time required for the treatment is so long as to be almost prohibitive

The authors call attention to the three-section pack designed by Reinhard and Goltz This pack with three converging beams radiates actively from 4 to r2 cm below the skin surface Each section of the pack contains r 5 gm of radium and irradiates a separate portion of the skin Isodose charts from

the three-section pack are shown

In a case of advanced uterine carcinoma with fixation of the uterus the tumor yielded to twentyfive days of therapy with the delivery of 5,500 r to

each of four skin areas The tumor dose was 4,598 Biopsy showed disappearance of the tumor in thirty-five days Photomicrographs of the lesion are presented. A bladder tumor treated by the same technique with 5,060 r disappeared within two months after the treatment. In a case of adenocarcinoma of the rectum accompanied by epidermoid carcinoma of the anus in which 4,641 r were given with the three-section pack all evidence of the tumor disappeared within three months after the treatment. It is emphasized that the only treatment given in these cases was external irradiation

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Cole, H. N., and Driver, J. R: Radium Dosage and Technique in Carcinoma of the Skin; with Special Reference to Interstitial Irradiation with Platinum-Iridium Needles Roentgenol, 1935, 33 682

This article deals with the use of platinum-iridium needles in selected cases of skin malignancy The needles contain one, two, or three cells 15 mm in length Each cell contains I mgm of radium and has a wall thickness of 0 5 mm For the treatment of small lesions the authors prefer parallel insertion of the needles 10 cm apart. In cases of large growths the wheel-spoke arrangement is satisfactory. The silk sutures are soaked in 5 per cent acriflavin to prevent their digestion by the tissues during the sevenday application Vaseline-gauze dressings are applied daily The dosage delivered varies from 116 to 160 mgm -hrs per cubic centimeter. The patient rarely experiences any discomfort while the needles are in the tissues

The reaction appears about a week after the beginning of the treatment, and healing is complete after about six weeks Overdosage may delay healing for several months

The advantages of radium irradiation over other methods are listed as follows:

r. Homogeneous irradiation of the entire area involved

2 Continuous irradiation to catch the cells in

mitosis 3 Prevention of the development of radioresist-

ance by a single treatment. The absence of severe caustic reactions in the skin

5 The absence of complications in bone and

cartilage

6 Accurate dosage

7 The applicability of interstitial irradiation

after failure of surface types of treatment.

8 The constant intensity of irradiation in the needles as compared with the decreasing intensity in the case of radon

o The possibility of treating extensive areas when great diff culty would be experienced by external treatiation alone

The only serious disadvantage is the necessity of

The selection of cases is based upon the following Casufication (?) rapidly growing or advanced pirickle rell carenoma (9) extensive basel-cell carenoma stops standing (3) deeply growing tresistant types of carenoma with marked fibrous (4) real granalities of carenoma with marked fibrous (4) real granalities to book promittenees, (5) levenom in proximits to cartilage (6) extensive lesions oreclaing faces. (2) retrievenes following surrical or electrical

methods, (8) malignancy in scars resulting from burns and (9) recurrences following other types of tradiation

The rarely occurring metastases from these lesions are amenable to interstitual irradiation. These treatments are supplemented by external irradiation with the \rays or Columbia justic radium packs. The

hazard of 1031111 to large vessels 13 overestimated I aposure of the nodes by operation is recommended. The authors conclude that prolonged interstitul irradiation with heavily filtered platinum radiom needles is the treatment of choice in certain cases of ship carriogram.

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

## CLINICAL ENTITIES—GENERAL PHYSIO-LOGICAL CONDITIONS

McMullin, J. J. A.: Amebiasis and Its Surgical Complications. U. S. Nav. M. Bull, 1935, 33: 313

Amebic dysentery, considered a tropical disease, is now known to he endemic in the United States

The history of ameliasis from the discovery by Lambl in 1859 of amelia in the stools of a child with diarrhea to the discovery of the pathogenic enda-

meba histolytica by Schaudinn is reviewed.

The malady is disseminated by fecal contamination of water, milk, or food from a small focus. The carrier may be healthy or a convalescent from acute amebic dysentery. The encysted ameba requires moisture for its continued ability to reproduce the disease. It may remain viable for several weeks in water and longer in fecal discharges. Contamination of drinking water by siphonage from defective plumbing was found to be a cause of the recent Chicago epidemic

According to the investigations of Walker and Sellards, the incubation period averages sixty-four days. In the Chicago epidemic the shortest incuhation period was five days and the longest ninety-five

days

The endameha histolytica infects its human host in the encysted form. In the terminal ileum and colon, its envelope is dissolved, discharging young amebæ which penetrate the mucosa of the howel hy means of their cytolytic ferment. From the ulcers they produce the amebæ pass by way of the portal vein to the liver where a similar coagulation necrosis occurs, causing the forming of centrifugally enlarging abscesses containing necrotic liver cells, blood, and bile. The most severe complications result from perforations of the intestine and rupture of the liver abscesses.

The most common surgical complications are perforation of the bowel following a fulminating infection and liver abscess with rupture of the abscess into an adjacent cavity or hollow viscus. Among other complications which may occur are pulmonary abscess, amebic granulomas of the colon suggesting carcinoma, polyposis of the colon, cerebral abscess, and phagedenic skin lesions

The diagnosis of amebic abscess of the liver is difficult. It depends upon a history of antecedent dysentery together with fever, sepsis, and pain in the upper part of the abdomen on the right side associated with demonstrable enlargement of the liver and positive X-ray findings. A search for amebæ in fresh warm stools should be made.

The medical treatment of the common and severe types of amebiasis and of hepatatis and abscess of

the liver is presented in outline. The surgical treatment of amehic liver abscess includes the administration of emetine as described (never carbasone in the presence of liver damage) and local treatment of the abscess preferably by aspiration, repeated if necessary, together with irrigation of the cavity with 40z. of a r:2,000 solution of emetine hydrochloride. Open operation may hecome imperative, but has a mortality of 30 per cent. The mortality of aspiration is 2 per cent. J EDWIN KIRKPATRICE, M D

Martin, H. E., and Stewart, F. W.: Spindle-Cell Epidermoid Carcinoma. An. J. Cancer, 1935, 24

The authors discuss especially spindle-cell epidermoid carcinomas occurring in the zone including and surrounding the lip. They state that tumors with somewhat similar histological characteristics have heen found in the larynx, esophagus, lung,

cervix, bladder, and urethra.

They report eight cases of spindle-cell epidermoid carcinoma, discussing the etiology, clinical features, treatment, and end-results. The incidence of the tumors in males and females was about equal. The youngest patient was thirty and the oldest sixty-four years old. The average age was forty-five years whereas the average age of patients with carcinoma of the skin in general is fifty-eight years. The authors state that no particular significance should he attributed to this relatively early age incidence of epidermoid carcinoma as the precancerous skin changes giving rise to this tumor are most apt to begin in early adult life.

Spindle-cell carcinoma is undoubtedly most often a variety of scar-tissue cancer. In the cases reviewed the most frequent causes of scarring were:
(1) repeated applications of lightly filtered low-voltage roentgen irradiation; (2) the use of the actual cautery or endothermy, (3) radium irradiation; and (4) a contused wound, possibly complicated by

a foreign body.

The purely epithelial origin of the tumor cells in these spindle-cell epidermoid carcinomas has been generally recognized in Europe but not in the United

The importance of roentgen and other forms of irradiation in the genesis of these tumors is apparent from the authors' cases and from the literature. The impression has been gained that the pre-existing roentgen cicatrix accentuates the spindle-cell morphological characteristics of the invading tumor cells by pressure

Spindle-cell metaplasia in epidermoid carcinoma producing lesions microscopically resembling sarcoma is not confined to tumors arising after various

forms of irradiation.

It appears from the authors material that the histogeness of these spindle-cell enidermoid car croomas is far from uniform. The reonlasms may arree in either the unbroken skin or the edge of a christic utcer in the unbroken skin the growth seems to been in the electre livers of the dermis and appears hist as a firm rounded nodule sprosporated in the akin As the redule increases in size it be comes raised and rounded. As a rule at 4 me rot c'cerate until it has reached a size of from a to a e cm When the turner begins in the edge of a cheone. ulcer or recurs in an open wound after incomplete removal there is usually a rapid furgation with the formation of a cauliflower like mass. The ulcerated a riace of spirite-cell earmona presents the amonth glutening blash red appearance of sar come rather than the roughly granular sometimes nodular punkish red appearance so characteristic of caremoma

The subcutaneous trauges offer very little retrained to the local spread of the turner, which invades mithout causing displacement of the tissues to a greater extent than does squamous or basal-cell carectionar.

On the whole the progress of the disease is apt to be slow and gradual but some cases pursue a rapid course with me artso. And terminate fatelly in less than a year. Local recurrences are very common after any form of treatment.

According to the authors experience spindle-cell caretinemas are in a radi mensitive. The heaviest closes of radio in plants have failed to produce sterilizat in oil the tumor bed and have permitted recurrences after the main bulk of the tumor had undersome radio nection.

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Hintze 4. Dispelling Praximism in the Treatment of Cancer (Water den Lessim min in der Kinda e handlung). Masneken med lickwafe 1933 i sia

It is clear that pessimism in the treatment of can cer can be suspelled only when the results of the treatment are improved. On the other har I it is clear also that efforts to improve the res ! s a : constantly being har bearned by delay. The event ma) site of patients with career do nit de beca se ture is excluded by the rature o me of there disease but because suitable treatment was rul appeared before the disease reached such an advantal stage that removal of the entire d sease I cus in the metastases with the knufe by coard attom by tire the tion or by chemical means would have ren retan intervention incompatible with He of the cases of carcinoms of the stomuch were in Hier a clinic between the years tota a" I toto sh wa that two-thirds of the patients entered the close in an inoperable and hopeless ernimon cases the samptoms were first noted by the payer or treatment was first given by a thre clay only I am there to six months pressously thereare the several directive disturbances had free eath advanced to foul cructation and perustert vorume attacks of rain had become more severe andra's ed toward the back and a sudden live of we at

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knows, true late recurrences and true late metastases developing from such latent rests or metastatic foci are very rare. Lamentable as they are in the individual case, they are of little importance in a comprehensive survey of cancer. They afford no justification for regarding the fate of all patients with cancer with pessimism, indeed, they are so rare that after the fifth year the mortality of patients treated for cancer successfully runs parallel with the natural mortality curve for persons of the same age in the

general population

If suitable treatment given in the early stages, as in Stage r of carcinoma of the breast, does not always lead to healing, the reason is that the purely local focus is often assumed to be in Stage r when it has already passed that stage. In very few cases is the diagnosis of Stage 1 confirmed by a thorough microscopic examination of the entire specimen and the regional lymph nodes The reproach of pathologists that a considerable number of bedside diagnoses of malignant tumor are shown at autopsy to have been incorrect is hased for the most part only on factors of lesser importance such as confusion of carcinoma with sarcoma and of metastasis with the primary tumor. Incorrect clinical diagnoses leading to incorrect treatment are in fact very rare in cases of cancer.

Although modern diagnostic aids and treatment are still far from being fully utilized and only a small percentage of the patients receive proper treatment at the right time, nevertheless very encouraging results are being obtained. The author's material shows a large number of cases of skin cancer and breast cancer which have remained cured over long periods of observation, and numerous cured cases of cancer of the uterus have heen reported from gynccological clinics. The incidence of five-year cure ranges from 60 to 70 per cent. Similar success has been obtained in carcinoma of the lip, and many good results in cases of tumor of the oropharynx and laryngeal carcinoma have been recorded.

Chiefly responsible for the improvement in all these statistics is irradiation, which is replacing or complementing operation In cases of rectal carcinoma, purely surgical progress has recently reduced the primary mortality to 4 per cent and increased the incidence of five-year cure to 466 per cent Further progress in the treatment of carcinoma is hoped for from electrosurgery In small series of cases of carcinoma of the upper jaw and of the hreast favorable results have already been obtained by this treatment However, there remains for irradiation an undiminished field of successful activity, that of postoperative recurrence, which continues to appear with scarcely any abatement in spite of the brilliant advances of operative proce-In many cases of recurrence, definite cure can be obtained by irradiation and in many others recurrences which develop repeatedly and at different sites can be kept localized and under control for years so that the patient's life is little shortened

and the general condition remains fairly good. The cancer therapist's patients who are heing irradiated for recurrence are the most difficult to treat, but are also his most grateful patients. Of course, it is better to treat invisible recurrences, that is, to give prophylactic irradiation, than to wait for them to become manifest. The manner in which this can be done successfully in cases of breast carcinoma has been discussed by the author elsewhere

Hintze concludes with the statement that all of his investigations have taught him that, for the most part, the unfavorable factors in cases of cancer are not the nature and site of the disease, but rather what the patient and his physicians do or leave un-

done, which can be controlled

(A HINTZE) FLORENCE ANNAN CARPENTER

Maisin, J., and Pourbaix, Y.: Growth-Promoting and Growth-Inhibiting Substances Extracted from Normal Organs. An Experimental Study of Diet in Tar Cancer. Am J Cancer, 1935, 24 357

On the basis of the premises that cancer is a constitutional as well as a local disease, studies were undertaken on a large scale to find in normal organs some substance which will inhihit cancer growth

The experiments here reported were carried out with tar cancer in white mice, as this variety of tumor seemed to offer the best material for both prophylactic and therapeutic studies as well as a

precancerous stage for observation

It was found that liver, pancreas, and intestinal mucosa added to the food of tarred mice promotes cancer growth. Brain, thymus, hone marrow, dried gastric mucosa, and dried lymph nodes inhibits the development of tar cancer. The same organ may contain both growth-inhibiting and growth-promoting factors. This is true of brain tissue.

The growth-promoting substances are for the most part soluble in water and relatively insoluble in ether. The growth-inhibiting substances are soluble in ether or removed by it. They are relatively insoluble in acetonc, the soluble portion being precipitated by calcium. The anti-anemic factor added to the diet in pure form has no influence on the growth of tar cancer. George A. Collett, M.D.

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lable structure. In turns of need the calcum and he phorpors are absorbed from the bones and in times of excess are deposited in the hense. The bone trabecular apparently serve as the most readily available depot, the cortex being at first sparred in the process of monitaristion. When present in the blood in excess amount, calcum and phosphorus are superaturation of the blood with cost and a date of the cost of

The entrance of colcums and phrephonis into the system is dependent upon their absorption from the gastro intestinal tract. The amounts shouthed depend upon (1) the composition of the diet (3) the acative of the gastro intestinal iract. (3) the disposition and absorption, and (5) the supply of Vistamia D. (6) these various factors the diet and the supply of Vistamia D are probably, the most important. If any of these factors is at fault for any considerable period of time, the absorption of calculus and phasphorus from the gastro-meshinal time 1, in referred with and a megative calculum and proposed with and a megative calculum and proposed with and a greative calculum are repossible for such discusses as rockets and of the

Dader normal conditions calcium and phosphorus rejest from the body by way of the gastro-intestinal tract and kidneys. On a normal diet the feed cal cum contested by the unaborded detary surplus and that which has been re excreted into the bone lacressed excretion by these sciences occurs in steephy of dissues and in some cases of opticity of comman but in these conditions the increased exclusion and the comman part in these conditions the increase a slight as compared in that the cocurring in a notions and by the comman but in the conditions the increase in slight as compared in that the cocurring in a notions and by the commandation of the comman but in the control of the comman and by the commandation of the comma

Many observers have demonstrated that the parathyroid hormone causes increased exception of calcium and I hosphorus which also even ually results in generalized disclafication. Thus, when parathormone is administered the first metabola, changes are a rise in the exception of phosphorus in the wine and a fall in the inorganic phosphorus in the serum.

In the attempt to maintain the normal blood phosphorus level phosphorus is then released from the bones. The calcium deposited with the former is also released so that the scrum calcium isses the curnary calcium increases and the low seriam phos phorus and increased phosphorus excretion coptions.

Clinical cases of by poparathyroidism and byper parathyroidism are not inflequently encountered. The former may be due to operative removal of parathyroid glands or to spontationus disease of inknown cause. Hyperparathyroidism may be due to focal hyperphasa (adenoma or neoplasm) of one or nore of the parathyroid glands or to generalized enlargement and hyperpla to of all of the para thyroids Irrespective of the cause hyperpart hyroidsm is characterized by parethesia and eular paints and cramp carpopeds spassed hyroids may and loss of consecounties. Inhoratory tests reveral a low serum calcium and a high serum phophorus. It is usually possible to client a pendicular through the consecution of the consecution of the Chrostell, and Trousceut sign as well as evidence of increased executablety of nerves (Erbs. 8 pm).

Hyperparathyroidism may be manifested chincally m the following forms (1) von Recklinghau eas disease or generalized ostentis fibrova cystica (2) osteoporosis (3) nephrolithiasis (4) acute para the road possening and (c) a condition simulation or complicated by laget a disease. The increased production of pa athyroid hormone produces the characteristic changes in calcium and phosphorus metabolism observed in a normal individual zere v ing an active parathyroid extract namely an elevated serum calcium a low serum phosphorus an elevated serum phosphatase an increased cakium excretion and an increased phosphorus excretion The sucreased calcium and phosphorus excretion causes a rapid generalized decalcification in which the most pronounced changes occur in the long bones spine sacrum, pelvis aluli jaw and flat bones of the thorax. The short tubular bones phalanges and tarsal bones show the least trans-

Infraction and hyperphosphatums are often eesponsable for the formation of renal calcule. The other types of renal complections are (i) pyelonephritis secondary to calcium phosphate stones (·) nephrocalisnosis with the pre-upitation of culum pho phate in the tubules and (§) calcium deposits in the kidney as well as other organ in

acute parathyroid no soming No logle sign is diagnostic of hyperparathemid The signs may be divided into three groups te hypercalcomia skeletal changes and increased excretion of calcium and phosphorus. The symptums lue to hyperculcemia, consists of anorex a nauses vomiting abdominal pain consupation lussitude weakness and loss of neight Hypotonia is common Signs due to skele al changes are de pendent upon the duration and seventy of the condition Sportaneous fractures bone pain bone tumors, kyphosis loss of height a waddling got or lump are common Symptoms referable to hyper calcinoria and hyperphosphaturia consist chiefly of polyuma and polydipsia. These may be so mirked as to suggest diabetes insipidus Frures s and nic turta are not uncommon Pain on urination mas be due to the passage of gravel or a small stone In some case renal color is the first and only symptom In these no bone changes may be demonstrable

on \ \text{ray examination} \ \text{In the final analysis the differential diagnosis depends not so much on the symptoms at or laboratory studies. In most instances determination of the calcium and phosphorus content of the securiosities but occasionally complete metabolic studies are increasing some biopsy is ra ely required. The

skeletal diseases most often confused with hyperparathyroidism are osteomalacia; osteoporosis due to senility, hyperthyroidism, disuse or inactivity, a basophilic adenoma of the pituitary or a tumor of the suprarenal cortex; Paget's disease, solitary bone cysts; solitary benign giant-cell tumor, osteogenesis imperfecta, multiple myeloma, metastatic malignancy, Schueller-Christian disease, Gaucher's disease, erythroblastic anemia, and radium poisoning.

The treatment is essentially surgical In cases of adenoma of one parathyroid gland, the involved gland is removed provided one or more normal parathyroids have been identified and are left in silu. The most severe tetany observed by the author after operation occurred in patients with the most extensive decalcification. Bauer attributes this to the too rapid deposition of calcium and phosphorus in the previously depleted bones rather than to atrophy or disease of the other parathyroid glands. In such cases, subtotal resection of the tumor is usually done. If the symptoms persist, the remainder of the gland is removed later. The treat-

ment of generalized hyperplasia varies, but it is the custom of the author's associates to remove approximately three-quarters of the total parathyroid tissue identified

Following operation for either type of hyperparathyroidism, metabolic changes are demonstrable in a few hours. The serum calcium falls rapidly, while the serum phosphorus is slow to rise to its normal value An elevated plasma phosphatase may take weeks or months to return to the normal level A marked decrease in the calcium and phosphorus excretion occurs within a few hours. Symptomatic improvement is soon noticed and is at times dramatic Bone pain may be one of the first symptoms to cease, despite the fact that rarefaction may be present for months. Bone tumors gradually disappear, but cysts remain The author doubts if the calcium deposits in the kidney are ever absorbed Marked skeletal deformities of course remain unchanged.

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF PERMANENT EXTENSION IN THE TREATMENT OF FRACTURES

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VEN if one could accept the nebulous personalities of classical my thology as authentic historical personages, there would still be some doubt in assigning to Procrustes the honor of having first used an extension apparatus. This citizen of Eleusis was addicted to the inhospitable habit of applying traction to the extremities of all the unsuspecting occupants of a certain couch in his home. While the procedure was rather primitive in both design and technique, there was, nevertheless, something distinctly modern about its promiscuous use in so great a variety of cases.

The necessity of employing traction in the immediate reduction of fractures, and the advantageous use of retentive splints of linen and way, of pasteboard, gum arabic, and moulded wood, seem to have been well recognized among the ancient Coptic surgeons. In the Edwin Smith surgical papyrus, which Professor Breasted has assigned to the era 3000-2500 B.C., there appears this statement in the description of Case 36, a case of fractured humerus.

Thou shouldst place him prostrate on his back, with something folded between his two shoulder-blades, thou shouldst spread out with his two shoulders, in order to stretch apart his upper arm until that break falls into its place. Thou shouldst make for him two splints \_\_(1)

However, the first authoritative account of permarent extension is to be found in the treatise of Hippocrates (2). This work contains a logical.

precise discussion of the treatment of fractures with admonitions the repetition of which constitutes a considerable share of our contemporary literature in this field of surgery. There is described a traction bed which Hippocrates employed not only for immediate reduction but also for permanent extension (Fig. 1). This device consisted of a padded wooden frame to which were attached levers, rollers, and peg supports so arranged as to apply the desired force most comfortably and efficiently. Well-padded strips of cloth and leather thongs were used to transmit the pull

There is, also, a detailed description of an internal fixation, permanent extension splint for use in oblique or compounded fractures of both bones of the leg. The expansile force of four strips of elastic wood is transmitted through well-padded knee and ankle cuffs to restore and preserve the contour of the injured extremity (Fig. 2). Hippocrates says:

If these things be properly contrived they should occasion a proper and equals's extension in a straight line, without giving any pain to the wound.

However, he leaves the following warning for bunglers:

And all other mechanical contrivances should either be properly done, or not be had recourse to at all, for it is a disgraceful and awkward thing to use mechanical means in an unmechanical way.



Fig 1 Frave[3] Alippocrates (From Littré Geuvres d'Hippocrate)





Fig. 2 Leg splint of Hippocrates (From Littre Ocuvres d Hippocrate)

It would appear that the bountiful opportunities of the military surgeon of the Roman empire would lead to a further development of the principles and procedure of extension. Judging from the records left by Aurelius Cornelius Celsus who compiled his eight books on medianie in the dawn of the Christian Eru this was distinctly not the case. Executively, so the case the experience in trainantic surgery since he repeatedly emphysicise the necessity for mine the repeated of the consistency of the necessity for mine the repeated of the repeated of the necessity for mine the repeated of the necessity for mine the repeated of the necessity of the necessity

Therefore if this (i.e., fracture with shortening of the extremity) has been discovered it be hooves immediately to extend that fimb if that has been omitted in the first days, inflam matten arises (3)

Only Percival Pott and Mursiana in the eighteenth septury and Lucas Championners in the nine teenth have refused to grant the importance of this dictum.

The first treatise exclusively dedicated to the treatment of fractures by mechanical means

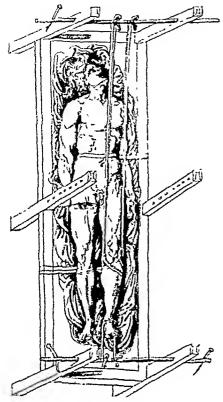
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Orbasus describes the pinthm of Ades which as a serie traction lever et an anatom nooden bed resembing a glosoconium for use in the treatment of lower extremity inclures. There is portrajed also an elaborate mulpip pulley system, a technical form which resched its greatest development in the later Byzanies school and except for its frequent use by Pare seems to have been neglected until a decade sog when the late Dr. Russell developed his well known form of traction.

Paulis Arguntia (fag-dop A D.), recognical as the outstanding surgeon of his time, contribut a nothing of value to the treatment of fractured of In Inct, the very meageness of his discussion marks ont of the nature of surgical registrous which serve to accentiouste the high degree of development both preceding and following 4 of to give a characteristic cyclic form to its histonic development.

In the first half of the tenth century, a Byzan tine scholar named Nicetas compiled by royal command of the Emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitus, a surgical document which epitomical the chnical development of the period lireflected the influence of Galen and Khazes and adam brated much of what was to follow In 1554 Guido Guids, Professor of Medicine in the Coll ge de France translated this work into Latin and retained several distinguished artists to illustrate the text (6) The result is a remarkable portraval that commands the respect of the surgeon as w li as that of the artist There are one hundred and ten plates demonstrating a profusion of ingenious extension devices. While the mechanical forms and their method of application are very evi dently based on the contributions of Hippocrates and Onbasius there are numerous additions and refinements

The Bycantines favored the scree or the wail lass as the origin of the tractive force and wer inclined to the employment of multiple pulse systems. In lig. 3, the patient, with a far term the lower leg is shown askep on an improved form of Huppocratic traction frame. The situide of the patient the vide posts, and the Literal



lug 3 Extension frame, tenth century (From Collection de Chirurgiens Grècs, Bibliothèque Nationale, le manuscrit latin 6866)

straps to prevent side-slipping indicate that this is a permanent extension set-up Fig 4 represents a form of glossocomium in which, through the ingenious use of an additional pulley, counterextension is simultaneously effected by the tractive force Fig 5 not only demonstrates an efficient method for the reduction of fractures in the lower half of the shaft of the humerus, but shows recognition by the Byzantine surgeon of the advantage of flexing the elbow during this procedure

During the twelfth and thirteenth centuries the treatise of Abulcasis (1013–1106) was the leading surgical text (7) As Abulcasis was greatly influenced by Paulus Aegineta, it is not surprising to find no major mention of permanent extension in

In the latter years of the thirteenth century, Gulielmus de Saliceto (1201-1277) compiled his surgery, the third book of which deals with fractures and dislocations (S). He discussed the

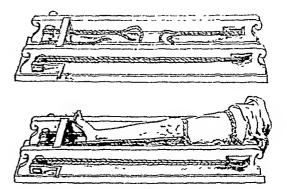


Fig 4 Glossocomium for extension in thigh fractures, tenth century (From Collection de Chirurgiens Grècs, Bibliothèque Nationale, le manuscrit latin 6866)

specific injuries in twenty-nine chapters and laid great stress on whether or not the fracture is compounded. He gave the formula for a retentive plaster with a gum arabic base and mentioned the use of traction in manipulation, but did not discuss permanent extension

His successor, Guy de Chauliac (12957-1368), showed a comprehensive knowledge of the classical literature and a characteristic ability to correlate this information with his own observations In the fifth treatise of his work "Wounds and Fractures" there are two passages that testify to his experience with permanent extension (o) In one, he writes

It is often possible that a fracture may be equalized by softening the callus, which Avicenna says, as you know; and, for this, also, I have often seen a weight with a pulley useful

In the seventh chapter, in a discussion on fracture of the thigh, he criticizes various forms of splints, concluding.

With regard to myself, the thigh being bound with long splints to the feet, I sometimes sustain it with the above mentioned means with straw or some other thing, and I attach to the foot a leaden weight, passing the cord over a little pulley so that it will keep the leg in its proper length, and if there is some defect in the equalisation, by pulling little by little it will be rectified

This statement by Guy de Chauliac is of great significance since it marks the first recognition of permanent extension as a preferential form of treatment in fractures of the shaft of the femur Its historical interest is enhanced by the fact that it preceded the introduction of plaster of Paris



Fix 3 Extension in a humerus fracture tenth century (From Collection de Chir urgiens Grece Bibliothèque dationale le manuscret latin 6866)

for use in retention by several hundred years sunce according to Malagarine (1), gypnum was first used in 1814 by Hendriksey and was popular teed by keyl of Berlin sruund 1818. The present widely accepted view that the triction method is a meer procedure taking the place of the traditional plaster therefore appears to be highly anachronattic.

Ambroise Pare (1,10-1,90) did not go so far as to advocate permanent extension as a routine form of treatment but in considering fracture of the shaft of the femur he said

Instead of this glossocomum you may make use of my pulley for Hippocrates in this bone when it is broken doth approve of extension so great that although by the greatness, of the extension the ends of the fragments be some what distant asunder, an empty space being left between yet notwithstanding would hee have ligature made. For it is not here as it is in the extensions of other bones, whereas the casting about of ligatures keeps the muscles unmoveable but here in the extended thighes the deligation is not of such force as that it may stay and keene the bones and muscles in that state wherein the surgeon hath placed them For seeing that the muscles of the thigh are large and strong they overcome the ligation and are not kept under by it (10)

This statement was followed by a detailed account of his evin case of compound fracture of the leg which is of absorbing clinical and human interest in that he so cleverly presented both sides of the patient physician relationship

Pare scontemporary Fabritus Hildanus (1537-1619) shows his admiration for the great surgeon by the following statement in the treatise on a military chest (11)

For the reducing of Broken Bones, and Di locations there are several firstruments bo h by Hippocrates Orthasius and other Authors set down but I have always found in my Practicthe instrument of Ambrose Parey which is with a pulsey the most convenient.

The variation of interest in fractures among surgeons is evemplified in the buge work of Jacques Guillemeau appearing in 1611 which accords but small-space to this branch of surgery (1). Guillemeau groups tractures among the unvalural tumors and presents the diagnosis and the treatment in outline form His only mention of exten ion is found in this perfunction state ment.

Tirant le membre de part et d'autre esgalement sans user de violence, usant ail est beson de Machines propres

It is difficult to realize that only one hundred years later there appeared the "Treatise of the Diseases of the Bones" by Jean-Louis Petit (1674-1750). This masterpiece, besides containing an unsurpassed discussion of the mechanism and treatment of luxation, presents a remarkable elaboration of the principles of extension (13). In the eleventh chapter, Petit describes his method of treating oblique fractures of the femur with both splints and traction. He effected the latter by the use of leather thongs applied just above the femoral condyles and fastened to the foot of the bed Counter-extension was obtained by means of a sheet passed by the crotch and fastened on each side to the head of the bed. In addition, a strap was fastened just above the malleoli to be used alternately for traction when the thigh strap irritated the skin

Petit describes in detail the arrangement of the fracture bed. He used a perforated mattress, as did Paré, to make care of the patient easier as well as to prevent decubitus ulcers. He employed the overhead rope to assist the patient in moving about the bed, and a padded plank for the normal foot to rest against He and his contemporary, Laurens Verduc, were the first to use a supportive foot-piece on the sole of the affected extremity In his treatise on bandaging, Verduc says

I advise you to make use of a sole as much as you can in all fractures of the thigh, the leg, and the rotula The sole should be of Pasteboard, if you can have it, or at a distance from great Towns, where that can't be had, of some old Sole of a Shooe At the end of the Sole, you must put a ribbon about three quarters long, to be ty'd to the first upper string that ties on the Junks. . This Ribbon is of great use, it keeps the sole in good order, and serves as a stay and security to the leg, for nothing hinders the union of the Bones more than Motion (14).

However, Petit's major contribution, so far as the technique of permanent extension is concerned, was his double-inclined plane which marked the first association of suspension with traction This was adjustable and rested on the mattress, thus greatly resembling the apparatus devised by Braun one hundred and fifty years later (Fig 6) Petit's clinical wisdom and critical faculty can be best appreciated from his opening remarks in the chapter on fracture of the neck of the femur which, incidentally, he clearly differentiated from dislocation and epiphyseal separation:

No man need be ashamed of his faults but when he has neglected being instructed, a sincere

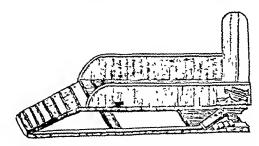


Fig 6 Suspension splint of Petit (From Petit Treatise of the Diseases of the Bones)

confession accompny'd with the circumstances, is often more useful than such Discourses as are dictated by self-love which serve only to render a book as tedious for its length, as the little worth of the Work We shou'd perhaps have fewer volumes to read, but more obligations to the authors, if instead of only relating their successful practise, they had only treated of their faults (13)

This paragraph remains as a fitting introduction to any discourse on the treatment of fractures of the neck of the femur

According to Hippocrates, as has been stated, the surgeon treating fractures will find his results improved by an appreciation of the mechanical factors involved. This implies not only recognition of the elementary laws of physics, but also an interest in the various contrivances that constitute the apparatus so essential in this clinical field John Aitkin who was surgical lecturer at the University of Edinburgh from 1779 until his death in 1790, possessed these attributes in the highest degree His essays (15) are composed in that even, lucid, prose style which we would expect of a contemporary of Dr Johnson Aitkin shows a distinct predilection for the use of mechanical devices in the treatment of fractures throughout the entire course of the individual In a separate chapter in his "Essays on Fractures and Luxations" he urges the immediate immobilization of broken limbs at the site of accident, without removal of the clothing or other disturbance of the patient He translates a communication of La Faye, a contemporary French surgeon, in this fashion:

No spectacle can be more affecting than the transportation of a number of wounded officers and soldiers from the trench or field of battle to a place for dressing them. I have always, in such conjectures, been much touched with the exquisite agonies caused by the motion of the persons employed to place the wounded in

proper carriages it is impossible that they can be driven for some leagues or even half a league, without suffering the root armit pains which, in spite of all the bandaging about the fractures at every movement, must displace the fragments and make them grate on one an other, thus irritating parts extremely semiside and delicate. The splintered fragments, pinch uggand tearing the muscles nerves etc. already wounded augment the swelling inflammation and effusions (15).

Aithin advocated immediate application of his leather padded, adjustable, steel extension sphints, so bringing permanent extension to the very-cene of the accident and establi hing the bis toncal precedent for the aphorism "Sphint 'em where they he His leg up in t (Fig. 7, 1984); where they he His leg up in t (Fig. 7, 1984) are remain cent of Hipporaties to whom he credit its origin. The thigh sphint (Fig. 7, left) functions on the principle of extensibility of the steel strips, the force being delivered through the leather suffs.

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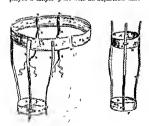


Fig. 7 Fatension splints of Aitkin (From Airkin 1-5 ays on Fractures and Luzations)

pace (Fig. 8) He supulates that its proper application will transmit the body weight to the pubic bone, thereby protecting the callus from too great a strain during the early weeks of ambulation.

Percual Pott (1733-1783), shoes same as contrast to that of Atlan is bepreteated through one of the eponymuc trucks of surgeal lite in association with fracture delications about the ankle joint did as much to hinder the deviction ment of extens on as Atlan did to further its seeking to establish traumatic surgery as a chateal entity, he said

No part of surgery is thought to be so easy to understand, as that which relates to fracture and divlocations. Even the most interpret and least instructed practitioner deems howed perfectly qualified to fallfill they part of the chiruppe art and the majority even of these are affronted by an offer of instruction on a subject with which they think themselves already so well accounted for the discounted for a directly and aready so well accounted for the surgery of th

However, he strongly advocated resting the frac



Fig 8 Caliper splint of Aitkin (From Aitkin Fissys on Several Important Subjects in Surgery)

Besed position on a coft pillow, on the assumption that in this nav the muscles nere most related Since displacement is due to muscle tension, he contended that this was the most efficient method of retention. The very ferror and prolivity of his argument surject that pernanent extension must have been which used at the time. His influence in Ungland vas certainly mandest for decades, and it was not until Astley Cooper re-introduced the advanced ideas of the French school that it finally disampeared

The first of the great I tench school was Pietre Jeseph Disoult (1744-1708) Desault introducest

the concept of axis-traction, vinting.

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In discussing fractures of the sheft of the femur. leadds:

Hence, it follows in general, that conjuntion is here a feelile assistant too and reduction, that, if it renders any service, it is only in cases of displacement laterally, or, in the a rection of the cross-disnator of the bone, and, that it is by giving the proper direction to extension, by managing it according to the disposition of the mu-cles, and by knowing when to augment and when to slocken it, that the fragments are brought into regular contact

Desault severely critical Potts ideas on both clinical and theoretical grounds. He pointed out that the synergistic action of muscles requires

tautness of one group if the antagonist is released. and maintained that the muscle unbalance displacing the fragments can be overcome only by extension. For fracture of the femoral shaft Désault preferred traction almost exclusively For this purpose be invented a permanent extension splint which was the first of its kind (Lig. 6). He secured traction through a foot-piece by me ins of a vindles arrangement which neatly fitted in a proove in the order of the device. This was the first splint to be desised for the lower extremity in which counter extension was obtained by pressure of the provinced end egainst the isolated tubercity.

Despult's successor at La Charité was Alexis Boxer (1757-1833), who formulated four basic

iau coi extension:

I - Fo apply the extending force on the parts of the members inferior and superior to the fractured bone.

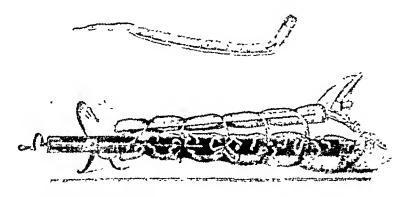
Il -To not on as great a superficies as passible, the effect which external causes have on our bodies is small in proportion to the extent of the surfaces on which they act, because the action is then supported by a greater number of

III - To give to the extending power a direction parallel to the axis of the bone.

The extension ought to be as gradual as possible, operating slowly, and by degreen (15)

Boyer also improved some details of Désault's apparatus.

It was Sir Astley Cooper (1708-1841) who reestablished permanent extension in England. In



I is 0. Splint of DEscult (From DEscult. A Treatise on I ractures, I uxulions, and Other Affections of Bones).

his treatise on this subject he shows the influence of John Hunter both by his constous strings for an objective attitude and his constant correlation of experimental findings with clinical observations. He was well acquainted with the various traction devices of the time and favored the use of the double inclined plane in lower extremity extension.

In view of the present popularity of well leg traction the origin of which is a matter of frequent dispute it is interesting to note this paragraph in Cooper's description of the various methods used at the time in treating fracture of the neck of the femur

In a third method, the patient has been placed in bed with both limbs extended to the utmost possible degree and then the two feet have been bound together with a roller passed from the foot on the injured side under the sound foot so as to make one limb steadily preserve the extension of the other. This may also be effected by an iron plate affixed to the shoe on the sound foot with a screw prised through a hole in the plate and having a kind freed to the other foot which may be tightened by turning the screw and the foot by this means be kent constantly extended (10).

The sudes, read use of extension on the Conunent in the early years of the inneteenth century can be suppressed by persuing the original must of the superior of the Superior of press military surgeon of the Superior or and the founder of the flying ambiliance system in discussion of the proper creatment of fracture of the neck of the fermit he write.

It is with this intention that bandages or apparatuses for producing permanent extension of different forms and of a mechanism more or less complicated have been invented By there means instead of assisting nature in its work of reorganisation, the object is rendered more remote, the evil aggravated and some times rendered incurable or the cure is re tarded a circumstance which is not exempt from serious consequences. From the time of Hippocrates and Avicenna until the present day a productions number of apparatuses of permanent extension have been employed from the application of which there can be no doubt that there has never been any benefit de med (20)

This opinion will in essence be both repeated and contested at many surgical meetings during the coming years The 'modern era in fracture supery, begin with Joseph Françous Malgaignet (26th-163). Malgaigne statents as both histogram and surges are evident in his, 'Traite described to a state of the Luvations (2). This comprehension states summed up all that had gone before and by its detailed elaboration of the principles and proredures of trainmate surgers, served as a foasid, tion for the contributions of Lister and Thomas and Steamman in his field.

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It is no exaggeration to state that the precedevelopment of the technique of permanent extension does not hinder an obvoous correlation between some recent trends and some of the on irributions that have been mentioned. It is for this reason that have been mentioned. It is for this reason that any review in the nature of the prevent sketch unavoidably touches on matter of the prevent sketch unavoidably touches on matter of extension of the prevent sketch unavoidably continued controversy even though the controverse of the controversy even the controverse of extension that the controverse even the controverse of a controverse even the controverse even t

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# ABSTRACTS OF CURRENT LITERATURE SURGERY OF THE HEAD AND NECK

EYE

Fagleton W. P. Exophthalmos from Surgical Diseases, Especially as to Involvement of the Protective Retrobulbar Space 18th Ophia, 1935-14-1

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Normal intra-ocular tension depends upon a balance between the intake and uniflow of intra-ocular fluid. The manner in which the fluid is detived from the blood - whether this occurs by filtration secretion or dialysis—has not yet been determined. The author favors the secretion theory.

In discu sing the diagnosis of glaucoma Greeves says that a tonometer reading alone without other evidence in insufficient proof of the presence of the condition. The diagnosis of glaucom's should be made only after careful consideration of all factors in the given case. It is then necessary to decide whether the glaucoma is primary or secondary. In cases such as those of iris bombé auterior sypechia dislocated lens and traumatic cataract this is not difficult. In glaucoma due to serous midocyclitis it is not so simple. In the treatment of this condition the denth of the anterior chamber is of prime in portance. If the antenor chamber is deep a midn atte may be used with benefit and impunity but if the anterior chamber is shallow my otacs should be employed Claucosan is sometimes of much more value than atropon. In cases of secondars glaucoma with combicating secons irriogychitis in which the tension fails to respond to any drug paracontesis repeated if necessary may be beneficial especially if the chamber is deep. While any filtering scar may be closed by inflammatory fibrous tiesue the author believes a trephire opening is the most likely to remain open regardless of its size

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The author distinguishes two types of primary glaucoma (1) the acute, subacute, and chrome subacute and (2) the chronic simple. Of the first type are the cares of patients who complain of pain rain box colored haloes and musty si ion and of the second type those of patients who experence poth ing but gradual loss of vision and field. In most cases of acute primary glaucoma there is shalinming of the anterior chamber. In congestive casts with hazmess of the corner and dilation of the pupil the author instills a per cent eserine in castor oil at half hour intervals applies leeches to the temple uers hear and administers a saline purgative He may continue this treatment as long as ten days or two weeks before the operation. He regards in dectomy for acute congestive glaucoma as the med difficult intra ocular operation. In the congest to state the trephining operation is contra indicated because it is impossible to as old fearing the congest ed and bleeding conjunctiva and the inclusive ins pillars may remain in the wound. When the con gestion is reduced the trephining operation is the procedure of chose

The ultimate face of an eye with chronic simple glaucoma is variable but blindness occurs eventu ally in all cases Scotomas in the field are surprisingly alike in all forms of glaucoma central loss always precedes loss of the pasal field. The very earliest sign is enlargement of the blind spot upward The author emphasizes that a diagnosis of chronic ample glaucoma should never be made and opera tron should never be undertaken authout evidence of cupping and a field defect. In chronic s "fle glaucoma midectomy alone is uscless Some form of permanent filtration operation is imperative. The author ra enclined to believe that when the field loss is large the optic nerve is so damaged that times may deteriorate further even if operation re tores He has a prejudice permanent normal tension against indenclessis and evolutialisis

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In cases of acute glaucoma, operation is safe if the other eye has a definitely shallow chamber.

LESLIE L McCoy, M D

Kahler, A. R, and O'Brien, C S: Disciform Degeneration of the Macula. Arch Ophth, 1935, 13-937

Disciform degeneration of the macula is a rather common and usually bilateral senile disease. It is characterized by an elevated mass in the macular region with deep hemorrhages, pigmentary changes, and frequently white punctate areas of degeneration

in the surrounding fundus

Sclerosis of the choroidal vessels with generalized vascular disease is believed to cause metaplasia and hyperplasia of the pigment epithelium with the formation of a mass resembling connective tissue between the choroid and retina. Loss of vision invariably results. It occurs rather rapidly and progresses. After a short time only large objects are visible. The patient may note a central scotoma. Metamorphopsia and occasionally photopsia may be present early. As a rule the diagnosis is possible only when the lesion is elevated.

A yellowish white or gray opaque mass appears beneath the retina This mass may be elevated only very slightly or up to 5 or 6 diopters. It may be smaller than, or many times the size of, the nerve head. The surface often shows localized depressions here and there. In rare instances the mass appears translucent. Sometimes there seems to be a transparent fluid between the clear overlying retina and the mass. The prognosis for vision is poor. Im-

provement in vision is rare

In the differential diagnosis, choroidal sarcoma, Coats' disease, and conglomerate tubercle must be ruled out LESLEE L McCov, M D

## NOSE AND SINUSES

Cameron, J. A M.: An Investigation of the Part Played by Allergy or Sensitization as a Factor in Predisposing the Mucous Membrane of the Nasal Passages and the Paranasal Sinuses to Infection and Its Bearing upon the Treatment of Disease of These Cavities J Laryngol & Otol, 1935, 50 493

Chief among the findings of histological examination of mucous membrane from the nose and paranasal sinuses in cases of nasal and sinus infection are an infiltration of eosinophile and plasma cells and edema of the matrix. The eosinophiles are of two types—bilobed eosinophiles with coarse granules and mononuclear eosinophiles with much finer granules. The former are more abundant in acute lesions and the latter in chronic lesions. It is suggested that these cells neutralize some substance liberated in allergy or are a chemotactic response to its stimulus. There is no evidence that the changes are due to micro-organisms

Whether allergy prepares the nasal mucous membrane for infection by micro-organisms is difficult to

determine So far as can be judged from statistics, it has no marked effect

In treatment, both the allergic and the local nasal aspects must be considered

The author briefly outlines methods of desensitiza-

In conclusion he suggests that allergic manifestations may have a common genesis in some form of metabolic poisoning which is usually amenable to detoxication.

JAMES C BRASWELL, M D

Heine, L. H.: Malignant Tumors of the Nasopharynx. Arch Ololaryngol, 1935, 22 51

Heine states that the nasopharynx constitutes a rather fertile soil for the development of various types of neoplasm

When any abnormality in the appearance of the tissue in this region is noted biopsy should be done

Tumors arising from the different kinds of epithelial covering over the vault of the nasophary nx are different both pathologically and clinically from most other epithelial tumors and apparently should have a separate classification

Reticular-cell sarcoma occurs in the nasopharynx and should not be confused with lymphoblastoma

In the cases of malignant tumor of the masopharyny reviewed by the author, the results of irradiation therapy appeared favorable, but the followup was limited to a period too short for conclusions as to their permanency James C. Braswell M D

## Geschickter, C F.: Tumors of the Nasal and Paranasal Cavities. Am J Cancer, 1935, 24 637

The majority of carcinomas of the nose arise in the region of the middle turbinate, at the embryonic site of the outpouching of the sinuses, and are epidermal in type. In the nasopharynx, and more rarely in the nose and antrum, malignant epidermal cells from the mucous membrane and interspersed lymphoid tissue form a variety of lymphodermal cancer usually referred to as "lympho-epithelioma". For this reason epidermal carcinomas are divided into two major groups on the basis of their clinical pathological features. The larger group are the squamous-cell or transitional-cell cancers and the smaller group the lymphodermal cancers.

Probably because slowly growing tumors of this region remain asymptomatic, epithelial tumors of a benign character are seldom reported. Among the benign epithelial growths of the nasal and paranasal cavities are the so-called hard papillomas, adenomas, and cystadenomas and the rarely aberrant salivary tumors. Osteomas, angiomas, plasmocy tomas, and benign and malignant connective-tissue tumors are

less frequent than epithelial tumors

JAMES C BRASWELL, M D

# Burman, H. J.: Sinusitis in Children. Laryngo-scope, 1935, 45 440

The treatment of sinusitis in children is largely a medical rather than a surgical problem Children with chronic sinusitis are usually undernourished and underweight and suffer from constitution and loss of appetite

In briefly reviewing the embry clogy and development of the sinuses the author state that the ethmoidal labyrinth is the only one present at birth

and the only sinus to cause trouble before the age of

In diagnosing a sinus condition the rhinologist should cleans the nose thoroughly of all Secretions using suction if necessiry Congestion, edema, thepertrophs and a purillent thicking as tenderative of sinus disease. Headache and tenderness on pressure are of great diagnostic significance. Sinusinfection can be definitely ruled out by roertgen examination.

The child with sinusitis should be put to bed given a mild cathartic and Dovers powders and then given a hot bath. The minims of a 1 1 200 solution of attroping should be admiss tered every

two hours until the nose is dry

In the office Burman uses a o 5 per cent solution of cocame in oil as a pray and clean es the nose of secretions by suction Sometimes he irrigates the antra under local anesthesia

Operative treatment is indicated only occasionally and should be conservative. Intranaval surgery on the etimoids should never be done in the cases of children. Partial submurous re-ection is-occasionally necessary.

The general supportive mea ures consist of the administration of calcium gluconate vatamin therapy and the use of autogenous vaccines

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Smith F. Nates A. L. Layton T. B. Howarth W. Russell H. C. B. and Others Discussion on the Treatment of Chronic Infection of the Nasal Accessory Sinuses. The Maragement of Chronic Sinus Disease—Conservative or Raul Cal? Pro. Res. Sec. Med. Lond. 1034, 25 col.

SSITES states that the generally accepted manage ment of chronic annual cases is unsatisfactory. He urges that the surgical intervention which produces the desired results be desired results of a complete. He states that in the past the thinologist too frequently attempted to complete with postoperative treatments in his office what he-should have accomplished in the operating from 5-mth limits his discressions to the frontial chimode of the complete with postoperative treatments in his office what he should have accomplished in the operating from 5-mth limits his discressions to the frontial chimode for the complete with postoperative treatments of the operation of the limits of the complete of the complete

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Howeres reports that he favors leaving the upper and tack part of the frontal sinus mucosa in this operation but he has removed all the membrane and

cells of the ethmoid

WATSON WILLIAMS says that the external oprabing is seldom necessary. Most cares respond to intranssal methods. Of chief importance is conservation of the mucous membrane. A very red object on to the external approach is the patients averyon to such a procedure unless the condition is sufficiently grave to make life intotrable.

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Filler says that it is open to doubt whether the
majority of patients would submit to such a ratical
procedure unless it were carried out under general
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O MALLEE likens the cells of the ethroid to those of the mastord. He believes that in some of the cases of ethroiditis in which he performed an intranasal operation the external operation became necessary later because some of the cells escaped him in the intranasal operation

JAMES C. BEASSITH M.D.

## MOUTH

Veau, V.: Harelly. A Theory Regarding the Primary Malformation (Bee desh ve Hypothise sur la mulformation initiale) fron d'eret fall, 1935, 12-380

According to the classical theory advanced by Coste, hirelip is due to failure of the fusion between facial processes which should occur when the embryo is 8 or 0 mm long. Very prints out that many clinical facts are difficult to reconcile with this theory. He states that absence of fusion of the processes is a very early and extensive milliormation involving bone, muscle and skin, while the arrest of development resulting in simple litrelip must occur at a later stage, when the embry 0 is between 21 and 28 mm in length and muscles appear

Most difficult to explain are the cases in which a soft-tissue bridge is found across a complete eleft Veau observed such a bridge in 104 of 470 cases of complete unilateral harchip and 80 of 180 cases of complete bilateral harchip. He regards it as unlikely that such bridges represent secondary adhesions. Sometimes the bridge is very strong and sometimes it is fillform. It causes a curve in the axis of the vomer and intermaxillary bone. Often it ruptures before birth and occasionally soon after birth. Veau examined and photographed a bridge in an infant five days old. Six vecks later the bridge separated spontaneously. Trequently only a small tubercle is found at the former location of such a bridge.

The clinical facts seem to indicate the existence of a primary malformation which gives way before a disrupting force as the fetus develops. According to the theory of I leischmann, which Veau regards as satisfactory, the essential malformation is an epithelial wall which impedes normal development of the mesoderm and the various forms of harelip result from separation of this weak point by the forces of growth

In a study of the skeletal development in cases of harelip Veau found that the intermaxillary bone exerts a normal forward force, the vomer serving as a fixed point | I he development is controlled by the counterforce If the counterforce is insufficient, harmonious development fails. The vomer and intermaxilla extend forward unchecked or are deviated to one side The muscles tend to oppose the disrupting force. If the osseous lesion is slight but muscle union is prevented by the epithelial wall, simple harelip results. In some cases the growth of muscle across the cleft is not entirely prevented by the epithelial nall and a bridge is formed on what would otherwise be a complete harelip total harelip the epithelial wall has completely prevented union across the defect

Veau regards this theory as more satisfactory than the classical theory because the latter requires one hypothesis (failure of coalescence of the processes) for total harelip, another (incomplete fusion) for the simple form, and a third (secondary adhesions) for the bridge formation

TROMAS W. STEVENSON, M. D.

### NECK

Hofmann, A.: Infectious Diseases and Hyperthyroidism (Infel tionskrunkheiten und Hyperthyrose) Hier Hin Webnicht, 1935, 1 80

Careful tyling of the history in cases of Basedow's disease or hyperthyroidism very frequently reveals that the thyroid disease was immediately preceded by a febrile condition. In the textbooks, infectious diseases are usually included with such causes of hyperthyroidism as a constitutional predisposition, the use of iodine, and psychic shock, but are mentioned only as an unusual item in the history.

Of the cases of hyperthyroidism seen at the Medical Clinic of the University of Vienna, the occurrence of an infectious or febrile disease either immediately or shortly before the development of the hyperthyroidism is clearly evident from the spontaneous statements of the patient in 41 per cent. It is possible, therefore, that the incidence of such disease would be found higher by routine questioning. Of the cases reviewed, there was a history of sore throat and angina in 22 per cent, of influenza in 10 per cent, of febrile arthritis in 10 per cent, of cholecystitis in 7 per cent, and of pulmonary tuberculosis in 6 per cent. Less frequent febrile conditions were pleurisy, pneumonia, pericarditis, nephritis, thyroiditis, and laryingitis.

These figures, which are based on Basedow material covering a period of twenty years, show that the incidence of infectious diseases preceding Basedow's disease is much ligher than was formerly supposed (MANMILLA HILSCH) PAUL STARR, M.D.

Cutier, E. C.: Total Thyroidectomy for Heart Disease Minnesola Med., 1935, 18, 421

The author first presents the physiological arguments for total thyroidectomy in heart disease. He states that postoperatively the metabolic rate is lowered, but controlled easily by 0.15 gm of thyroid extract daily. The blood cholesterol is raised and the circulation time increased.

In twenty-three cases of cardiac decompensation—fifteen due to valvular disease and eight due to myocardial disease—there were two immediate post-operative deaths and six deaths which occurred later and were unrelated to the operation. In thirty-one cases of angina pectoris there were two immediate postoperative deaths and five deaths which occurred later and were unrelated to operation. Of the fifty-four patients, five developed parathyroid tetany and four sustained injury of the recurrent laryngeal nerve. Notes on the operative technique are given

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# SURGERY OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

# BRAIN AND ITS COVERINGS; CRANIAL NERVES

Kulesar, F.: The Importance of Percussion of the Skull by the Method of Benedek (L'importanza della percussione del cranio secondo il metodo di Benedel) Riforma n ed., 1035, 51, 745

Benedek's method of percussing the skull requires (1) a chart of the head divided into about fifty fields on which the thickness of the skull and the changes in the percussion note associated with differences in thickness are recorded, (2) a percussing device in which the frequency and intensity of the blows struck may be regulated exactly to eliminate the personal error of the examiner, and (3) an electric "pickup" and amplifier to intensify the sounds of the percussion. The patient lies supine with his mouth closed. If possible, the head is shaved. The skull is then carefully explored with the percussion. The significance of any variations noted in the percussion notes is determined from the chart.

The author cites cases in which this method proved to be of great diagnostic aid, discusses the possible sources of error, and shows how correct interpretation of the findings may supplement the

findings of other methods of examination

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Courrille, C. B., and Nicisen, J. M.: Otogenous Abscess of the Parietal Lobe: A Review of the Literature and a Report of Six Cases Arch Surg., 1935, 30 030

Although otogenous abscess of the brain is commonly located in the temperal lobe or cerebellum, the authors' discovery of six cases of parietal localization in a group of sixty-three cases of otogenous abscess of the brain indicates that this location is sufficiently frequent to warrant greater attention. A review of the literature indicates that in many instances a parietal lobe abscess has been mistaken for abscess in the temporal, frontal, or occipital lobe

The parietal abscess may be one of two or more abscesses located in one or both cerebral hemispheres and suggesting a vascular spread of infection. The occurrence of an associated thrombosis of the lateral sinus or of the connecting venous channel indicates that the infection travels through the veins. Other possible etiological factors are extension from an otogenous subdural abscess, from osteomyelitis of the parietal bone, and from an abscess in the temporal or frontal lobes, but these must be considered rare. When there are multiple abscesses in the temporal lobe, the spread may occur through the blood stream or by contiguity

The abscess may be a large acute abscess (purulent encephalitis), a circumscribed abscess, or a small

heavily encapsulated abscess. The type of the abscess does not depend on the manner in which the infection reached the brain. Abscesses in the temporal lobe are usually due to contiguous infection of the bone, dura, and brain, and abscesses of the parietal lobe to vascular extension.

Successful drainage of the abscess requires accurate determination of its site. When the trephine opening is made directly over the abscess drainage is a comparatively simple problem provided the

abscess is circumscribed

The symptoms produced by an expanding lesion differ considerably from those produced by a purely local and destructive lesion. Extension of the infection, edema, and pressure may result in symptoms referable to the adjoining areas. The irritative motor signs are usually jacksonian scrutzes affecting the contralateral side of the body, particularly the upper extremity and face. These signs are sometimes observed in infants and young children with otitis media. In most instances complete recovery results. Whether or not these signs signify the development of an abscess can be determined only by watching the clinical course.

Conjugate deviation of the head and eyes is a common indication of lesions of the posterior and inferior portions of the parietal lobe. When it occurs as part of the seizure the head and eyes are directed away from the side of the lesion. When paralysis has set in the deviation is toward the side.

of the lesion

Paralytic motor phenomena were observed in all of the authors' cases, but have not been mentioned in the records of most of the cases reported by others Undoubtedly, minor manifestations of weakness have frequently been overlooked.

Sensory disturbances have long been recognized as primary parietal manifestations. There is a decrease in sensibility for all modalities without loss of any except tactile discrimination (astereognosis).

Trophic changes resulting from parietal lesions in early life have been described, but most patients with parietal abscess do not survive long enough to develop atrophy. In one case atrophy was still absent two years after successful surgical drainage.

Vasomotor disturbances, hemianopia, mind blindness, alevia, agraphia, apravia, and disorientation have all been described as resulting from abscess of the panetal lobe. Their occurrence depends on the extent of the lesion and its influence on the surrounding tissue. Amnesic aphasia, affecting most often memory for names, is commonly associated with lesions of the inferior parietal lobe. Fluctuations in the degree of consciousness are commonly noted with abscess in any portion of the brain

EDWARD S PLATT, M.D.

Fischer F Examinations of the Lymph Vessels of the Menlinges and Serosa of Animal and Hu man Fetuses (Lymphyelassuntersuchungen an Mennyen und seroesen Haeuten des terres und menschicher Feten) 19 Tog 8 deutsch Ces f Chr Bellin 1935

Our knowledge regarding the movements of flunds within organs and of the resoption and transportation of corpuseular particles (d)es bacteria, tumor cells) is still interorptete, partly because of the insompleteness of our knowledge regarding the lymph capillaries. If has not yet been proved that the lymph use of avatem in the periphery is patent to the property of the lymph capillaries. The has not yet been proved that the lymph use of avatem in the periphery is patent to the periphery with the tissue papers. On the contrarts and facts with the tissue papers. On the contrarts are the contrarts and facts with independent closed capillaries which periphery with independent closed capillaries which walks. We are not as yet failly informed regarding the extent or even the evisition of lymph vessels in the large retiguio-endothelist organs the liver, paleen and been marrow and ne have no positive

knowledge about the brain By combining the perhydrol method (Magnus) with the alternating bath method (Becher Fischer), the author succeeded in demonstrating the super Loud lymph vessels of Colusion's cancule of the liver of a human fetus five months old. These lymph capillanes of the seroes cover the liver surface in a fine dense network and are probably connected with lymph vessels deeper in the parenchyma which it is assumed, are identical with the paces of these. The lymph vessels of the parenchyma and capsule of the liver and of the gall bladder play an important part in serous inflammations (Roestle) especially in the development of certain forms of catagrhal scterus gall bladder edema and other diseases of the biltary tract (Eppinger) Il hile the condition of the lymph we els in the will bladder can be demonstrated easily by modern methods the condition of those in the liver capsule can be determined only with great difficulty and the condition of those in the paren chyma of the liver p actically not at all. Therefore further experimental investigations are necessary

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With regard to the formation of by mpb nodes from fat it size and e-pecally the origin of the himph sines the author cites findings of importance such as the made by him in the ownertium of human adults and in the costal pleura of rabbits. Normally these structures show intrinst connections between hymph capillaries and microscopically fine fat globules which are surrounded and pneutrated by cap llaries It is to be assured that under the in fuence of chronic inflammatory irritation these capillaries send out productations and that after the fatty organ has been transformed into a lymphatic organ these take over Longh sinus functions (Exici Priceirs) (Autius J Supria MD

Bergstrand II and Olivecrona II Angioblastic Meningiomas 4m J Cancer 1935 24 511

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ROBERT LOUINGER M.D.

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#### SPINAL CORD AND ITS COVERINGS

García D E Syringomystia (La sinagometa)
Res med d'Rosares 193, 25 327

Symptomyclas as a disease of the spaul red characterized by the formation of cauties in the cord. When the eavities occur only in the media the conductive occur only in the media the conduction treated symptomyclas. Be author reports two cases of symptomyclas and moropholographs. He has come to the conclusion labeling and the conductive of the conducti

The treatment of syringomiclia depends upon the stage of development of the condition in whi has the diagnosis is made if the patient comes for treatment in an early stage when sensors symptoms

predominate over trophic disturbances drainage of the cavities is indicated. The effect of dramage has been attributed to a decrease in the pressure However, while in some cases the pressure is high enough for the liquid to flow out freely, in others it is negative and aspiration with a syringe is necessary. Is the author obtained a very satisfactory result from drainage in a case in which the pressure was negative, he believes that the effect of drainage is not dependent on the pressure. He states that the fluid in the cavities apparently causes circulatory disturbances resulting in slight hemorrhages and islands of ischemia and edema which bring about necrosis of the nerve tissue and enlarge cavities Operation should be followed by roentgen therapy If the patient does not come for treatment until the disease has reached an advanced stage in which trophic disturbances predominate operation will do no good Under such circumstances treatment should be limited to protection of the patient from trauma which may cause wounds difficult to heal and resulting in life-threatening infection

AUDREY GOSS MORGAN, M D

Chiasserini, A.: Intercostoradicular Anastomosis in Vertebral Injuries with Section of the Lumbar Spinal Cord (L'anastomose intercosto-radiculaire dans les traumatismes vertibraus avec section de la moelle lombure) J de clir, 1035, 46 54

Apparently one of the first to consider the possibility of nerve anastomous to relieve the condition of patients with complete section of the spinal cord due to trauma was Monro Experimental work proved that such a procedure was sound, but the results obtained in the first clinical case in which the method was used by Kilvington and Bird in 1900 were unsuccessful. In 1912, Frazier and Mills succeeded in restoring vesical control in a case of fracture of the second lumbar vertebra. More recently,

Puusepp obtained good results in the cases of several young persons with loss of sphincter control

from injury or infantile paralysis

Chiasserini reports his results in four cases of fracture of the lumbar vertebræ. The first three patients were operated upon from ten to sixteen months after the injury. The first two had large bed sores and the second a severe epididymitis prior to operation. The first patient died three days after the operation. The fourth patient was operated upon a few weeks after the injury. This patient not only regained urinary continence, but six months after the operation was able to contract several groups of muscles in both thighs. The two other patients regained urinary control three months and five months after the operation respectively.

The procedure recommended by the author is as

follows

r The patient is kept under observation for about three weeks before operation as too early operation has a high mortality.

2. The extent of the injury sustained is determined by roentgenography of the bones and

myclography

3. In the first stage of the operation a laminectomy is done on two vertebra at the site of the injury. The peripheral nerve roots of the cauda equina are then gathered into a bundle and secured by wrapping them in a piece of tissue taken from the fascia lata

4 A week or ten days later two intercostal nerves are isolated on each side, sectioned about the posterior axillary line, brought down under the dorsal muscles, and firmly fixed into the bundle previously made of the peripheral nerve roots

This procedure seems to make a very satisfactory anastomosis as the nerves can be firmly secured in position. The various steps are shown by illustrations.

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### SURGERY OF THE THORAX

#### CHEST WALL AND BREAST

A Contribution to the Study of the Bleeding Breast (Contributo allo studio della mammella sargunante) Pol din , Porce 1935 4 SP- Chur 125

According to Bellini chronic hemorrhage from the nipple occurring spontaneously or as the result of trauma is always due to a morbid condition even if it is limited to a few drops. The morbid condition is considered by some to be a benien neoplasm such as a papillary adenoma or a chronic exists mastitis but by others is regarded as a precancerous or can cerous lesion calling for immediate surgical inter reption

Hemorrhage of the breast occurs much more fre quently in females than in males. In males it is always indicative of a malignant tumor

Hemorrhage of the breast may be the early sign of a neoplasm which is clinically not detectable. The time which clauses between its occurrence and the appearance of a clinically detectable tumor may rance from a few months to several years

In briefly reviewing the literature the author calls attention to the fact that there as considerable difference of upinion with regard to the pathogenetic interpretation of the bleeding breast and its treat ment but in the light of more recent studies the causes of the bleeding have been restricted to a rather limited number of nathological conditions Chief among the latter are chronic exsue mastitus endocanalicular papillars epithelioma (the den dri icepithelioma of Lauffmann the intra-analicu far exstenithelioma of others) and carcinuma

The endocanalicular epithelioma is to be included among the potentially malignant tumors in spite of its apparently benign nature. According to several investigators this neoplasm develops slowly and becomes finally converted thto a true carcinoma

The author reports four cases of hemorrhage of the breast which came under his observation. In the first case the bleeding was due to an endocanalicular papilliferous fibro adenoma in the second to an endocanalicular enithelioma becoming pericanalicular and showing the invasive and intitrative cha acter of a typical precanterous lesion and in the third to an endocanalicular cystoepithelicina In the fourth calle the nature of the fesson remained undiagnosed because the patient refu ed to permit biopsy

Those who consider hemorrhage of the breast a berien condition favor conservative treatment whereas those who regard it as a precancerous con dition advise radical mastectomy with removal of the greater and lesser pectoral muscles and the azilları iymph glands

In conclusion the author says that in cases of bleeding breast the possibility of an underlying precancerous or cancerous lesion should be considered bronsy should be done, and if the lesion appears suson tous radical mastectomy should be performed and followed by removal of the azillary contents RICHARD E SONNI

#### TRACHEA LUNGS, AND PLETTRA

Semb C Thoracoplasty with Extrafascial Apirol well Acla chirurg 3 and 1921 ,6 Supp 17, II The author's aire has been to develop a method of

thoracoplasty yielding effective and selective col iapse Loor results after previous methods of thoracoplasts were due to deficient relaxation of the dise sed

This was true particularly in cases of cavities with a high posterior and medial situation, which is hy far the most common localization With regard to the mechanical effect of the col

lapse desired artificial pneumothorax we hout ad hesions was adopted as a model for the thoracoplastv

The diseased part with capit) -should be I ber ated in such a way that it can retract concentrically from the aurface toward the hilum-not only from one side to the other but also from above downward from behind forward, from 12 front backward and eventually from below upward. In involvement of the upper lube this is achieved by combining thora coplasty with apicolysis or pneumulists

The author endeavors to produce effects e and selective collapse of the thoracic wall as we'l as of

the disease i part of the fung

The thoracoplasty is performed with rese tion of the entire first rib and possibly of the second no and of decreasing lengths of the subjectent ribs. The scalenus muscles and the upper part of the satenor serratus muscle are divided outside the perosteum to eliminate thei traction and increase the collapse from above and from the side

Fo produce collapse from behind forward and partly from above the posterior medial stumps of the ribs are rescuted medially beyond the point of the transverse proce a after evarticulation at the costover ebral joint. In addition the uppermost intercostal muscles and the periosteum of the ribs

are severed posteriorly

The apsculyst and pneumplysis have been devel oped with due regard to the anatomical conditions over the apex of the lung in tuberculous patients Corresponding to the Zuckerkandi Sebileau bands and Truffert's lames permanent deags of con nective to see have been demonstrated in patients subjected to thoracoplasty The e attach the endothoracic fisculover the apex of the lung and thereby fisten the latter to the neurovascular trunk, the spinal column, and the mediastinum. Because of periplearist, they are frequently fibrous and resistant and the connection between the endotheracic fascia and the parietal pleura is firm and close. The periosteum, microstal vessels, and interestal nerves attach the lung to the spinal column indirectly.

The apicolysis is performed extrafascially by dissecting out the draps of connective tissue mentioned and also the periodicum, intercostal vessels, and intercostal nerves over the apic of the lang and severing them alice lightion. This apicolysis is radical and effective, and accounted with only shift danger of rupture of the courty and infection

Further downs and, posteriorly, a partial pneumolysis may eventually be performed to increase

the coll-pse from behind forward

This procedure permits concentric retraction of the discused part. The collapse is profinally fixed by re-formed connective tissue and regeneration of ribs from the periosteum of the upper ribs.

The operation may be performed in one or several

stages

Of the cases in which the author has performed it, complete collapse of the cavity was obtained in more than 50 per cent and freedom from hacili in more than 50 per cent. In the cases in which no more than six ribs were resected in one stage, the mortality was less than 3 per cent.

Fletcher, E.: Bronchiectasis, J. Time ee Surg., 1988.

Bronchiectasis must always be a secondary condition except in the rare instances of congenital and formation. The most common type follows repeated trauma and infection. The author reviews roo cases of this type, which he calls "general bronchiectasis", a cases due to tuberculosis, 5 cases due to lung ab sees, 2 cases due to primary cycinoma, a case cach due to aneurism, syphilis, moniha, and industrial pneumoconiosis, and 4 cases with associated empycina.

In the 100 cases of general bronchiectasis the nature of the condition was proved by the intratractical injection of lipiodol or by autopsy. This proof is important because in previous scries of cases fibrosis of the lung instead of bronchiectasis was assumed. Before the use of lipiodol it was impossible to distinguish between the two conditions accurately

Non-tuberculous lung infection leading to the development of general bronchiectasis is most frequent in childhood between the ages of two and five years and in adult life between the ages of forty and fifty years. General bronchiectasis is slightly more common in males than in females. The lesions are distributed throughout the lung. Involvement of the left lung alone is much more frequent than involvement of the right lung alone or involvement of both lungs. No case of purely apical involvement has been observed. Acute attacks may occur at any

time of life, but are most common in the third and fourth decades. In the total number of cases of general bronchic tasis reviewed the incidence of clubbing of the ingers was 35 per cent and in the acute cases it was almost twice as high. A history of recurtest attacks was given in 28 cases. Approximately one fourth of the patients had frank hemoptysis. In 65 per cent of the cases the earliest symptom was cough. In there can there was no cough. One of the principles without cough 1 25 an adult. Although be developed bronchicetasis in childhood following whooping cough, he did not receive treatment until he was twenty eight years old. The 3 others were children who had recurrent attacks of pyrexiaseems that cough always occurs in adult bronchiecta is but may not occur in bronchice tasis in childhood. Expectoration occurred in over two thirds of the cases. In one-half of the c the sputum had an offensive offer

Loss of weight was more common in the cases of adults than in those of children. Complicating parana-al infection occurred in only a per cent of the cases. Paranas d conditions are secondary to the lung infection and their development has no effect on the lung. Arthritis occurred in 3 per cent of the cases reviewed. I inply mails possibly an occasional complication, but it is difficult to determine whether the empsema occurred before the bronchiectasis or as the result of it. In a recent article, Fletcher called attention to the necessity of reserving the word "atelectasis" for congenital conditions, and the word "detelectases" for collapse of a lobe of the lung such as occurs in bronchicetasis. Detelectatic lobes were found on the left side in 11 of the cases reviewed and on the right side in o

In discussing the early symptoms of bronchiectasis of childhood the author states that two-thirds of the children whose cases he reviews had suffered from cough and one-half had had an attach of measles or whooping cough or both. It is evident that cough, by itself, is a serious symptom in children, and that measles and whooping cough are often the precursors of chronic and subacute lung infections.

The second great group of precursors of brouchicetasis in children are attacks of a condition generally called "acute bronchitis" or "bronchial pneumonia". The others are acute general lung infec-

tions and hemoptysis

The precursors of the adult type of brouchiectasis are acute lining infections exclusive of pneumococcal lobar pneumonia, such as pleurisy, bronchopneumonia, and acute bronchitis. The author's patients with cylindrical bronchiectasis gave a history of only winter cough. Other causes of the adult type of bronchiectasis are adult measles and epidemic influenza.

The pyrexul attacks occurring in the course of the disease are of 2 types. The first is a common one which seems to be due to a periodic sensitization accompanied by a catarrhal reaction in the smaller bronchioles and, in general, a temporary extension of the disease. The second, which is probably a more

formidable infection than the first is characterized by true bronchopneumonia with a high temperature (up to 101 degrees F) with slight remissions

On several occasions it has been noticed that on recovery from Type 1 the signs regressed to the original field of disease while after Type 2 the final site of brunchiecta is was more extensive than pre-spousible.

The article include an outline classification of the various types of bronchectasis and 11 statistical tables analyzing the cases reviewed

I EDWIN KIRRPATRICE M D

Amouille P and Lemoine J M Bronchiecrasis and Thrombosis of the Bronchiad Artery (Bron chiectase et thrombo e ne l'artère bronchique) Prette méd, l'ar 1935 43 833

The authors advance the theory that the changes resulting in bonochuciaus are due to arterial thrombin involving the vessels nourohap the broad avails and long tissue. They believe that the theory explains the destruction of the muscule cartilagnois wills of the bronch the fast that brunchiccting lesions are rarely immated to a short explaint of the control of the

namenatory processes involving the lung. In studies of a large number of lung free from bronchertass they always found the bronchal artenes patient. They state this while r is of course difficult to prove that bronchectass, cannot arise without thrombons of the vessels they have nevel observed a case in which this occurred. Because of technical difficulties due chiefly to the small size of the vis-els they have thus far been unable to produce the conductor experimentally.

The article includes photomicrographs showing thrombi in the vessels of the bronchial walls

Mar n 11 Poole MD

Browder 1 and DeVeer J A The varied Pathological Basis for the Symptomatology Produced by Tumors in the Region of the Pul monary Apex and Upper Mediastinum 1st J Cancer 1933, 24, 507

In recent year there have appeared in medical interature di cussions of a chinical syndrome charactentace e citally by the Homers sindrome paint in the shoulder and upper extremity and rorotgen evidence of a tumor in the pulmonary aper of the corresponding side.

The authors report two cases and cate others from the literature with indicate that the symptoms depend upon implication of portions of the hardvall plexus or some of its composent spinal nerves the cervical sympathetic trank and the great vessel, in the mobiled area

They believe that the syndrome cannot be considered either a clinical or a pathological entity that its inserts, the manufastation of the presence of a malignam tumor in a rather restricted anatomic dates. Gregor A Colley's WB.

Derscheid, G. and Toussaint P. Pieural inflam mailons. A. Pinotographic and Photomicrographic Study (Lrs inflammations pieurales Con tribution photos et micro photographique). Preus med. Par. 1933, 43, 1009.

The authors discuss inflammations of the plant expectably from the cellular appear. They program two principal phases. The first phase is the cucla true phase, which is characterized by the presence of blood, serum filtrin p.a., and various tomas from mucro-organisms and degenerated cells. The secol phase is the constructive phase who his character seed by the mobilitation of inflammators cells in sheet and percursacular tubes. The relation of their two phase to the formation of granulation times and those the percursacular tubes. The relation of the two phase to the formation of granulation times and those is used as a decay of the relation seen in theorems on a descended in detail.

The chief feature of the report is the illustrations The pleura was photographed endoscopically and photomicrographs of biopsy specimens from the same region were made. After describing the normal pleura the authors compare the pross and micro scome findings in various types of pleural infam mation. They describe three pathological types of pleura-the granular, the fibrous and the fibrinous In the fibrous type are included segetative ulcera tive temporar and degenerative lesions Tuber culous lessons are apparently found frequently and Usually do not cause serious postoperative complire Parenchymatous inclusions are relatively rare and do not nece sarrly result in bronchopieural fistules This fact is probably explained by re traction of the lung with closure of the opening The frequent absence of large bloody effusions following the resection of pleural adhesions is believed by the authors to be accounted for by an obl terating type of lesion in the bloud vessels of such adhesions which NATHAN & WOMER MD they describe

Troisier J Barlety M and Broward II Sudden Death in the Lourse of Serofibrinous Pleurist (La morte subite au cours de la pleurese sero-

abraneuse Prette mild lat tore 4, 10 0 The authors discuss sudden death in scrobbnnous Pleurisy particularly with reference to 18 patho genesia and make a distinction between death from progressive asphy tia due to a very large effected and sudden death from an unanoun cause occurring in cases of moderate effusion. They report the case of a man thirty six years old who entered the hospital suffering from serofibrinous pleurisy on the right aide which was associated with moderate effusion extending only to about the lower angle of the scapula. The cell count showed that the eff son was of recent origin. The tuberculin reaction was positive There was nothing to indicate that the tondition was particularly serious. During the next few days it remained practically unchanged While the effusion increased somewhat it never reached the spane of the scapula. The despnes was well tolerated and the patient complained only of a moderate cough However during the night be

anoke at about a o'clock with an attack of severe

disprea and died in a few mirutes

At autopsy, nothing to explain the sudden death was found in the lungs, circulatory system, or kidnevs, but on examination of the brain a marked difference in the color of the right and left halves of the floor of the fourth ventucle was observed. The right half was of normal color, whereas the left half was lilic-colored and a transverse section of the medulis on the left side was of a mauve color. Microscopic examination of the medulla not far from the olive disclored lesions of two types. The first was a typical white thrombus causing extreme distention of a vestel by a mass of leucocytes made up about equally of polymorphonuclears and mononuclears. The endothelium was almost intact although some of the nuclei appeared swollen, indiexting an inflammatory reaction. The other lesion was an extravascular hemorrhomic effusion. There were no visible lesions in the wall of the vessel. The effusion was undoubtedly secondary to the thrombosis. The sudden do th was apporently due to the thrombus in the medully. As there was no evidence of embolism, this must have been a local thrombosis from previous information of the vessel. The cause of the latter could not be determined. No bacteria could be found in the region of the vascular lesions MEDITA GOSS MOREN, M.D.

### ESOPHAGUS AND MEDIASTINUM

Lanzillo, F.: The Surgical Anatomy of the Thoracle Esophagus (Anatomia chirurgica dell'esofago toracico) Rie di chir., 19, 5, 1-100

The author reviews the anatomy of the csoplagus on the basis of dissections and rocutgenograms of the csoplagus in the cadaver. The rocutgenograms were taken after the csoplagus had been tied at its upper and lower extremity and distended with barium. He discusses some new observations concerning the points of constriction, relationship, and

mobility of the mediastical esopliagus, and reviews and shows by illustrations the numerous methods of surgical approach to the esopliagus

Pitte A Rot, M D

## MISCELLANEOUS

Liffle, O. R., and Fox. G. W.: Tranmatic Intrathoracle Rupture of the Thoracle Duct with Chylotherax. 161 Serg., 1955, 101-1367

Traumatic chylothorax is rare, only forty five cases having been reported. To these the authors

add a case of their own

The striking clinical features of the condition are (1) the latent period before the onset of the symptoms (2) the rapid re-accumulation of the fluid within the chest after aspiration, and (3) the gradual progressive conscittion which frequently ends in death.

The chylous fluid has a specific gravity of over 1.012. It resists putrefection, and does not coagulate When it stands, a "cream" layer forms. It contains

many fat globules

The authors' patient was a man forty-five years old who fell a distance of 20 ft from a scaffold, landing on his back and fracturing two vertebrae. After loss of consciousness for four hours his condition improved ratisfactorily until the fifth day when, rather suddenly, he cent into severe shock and a large amount of fluid appeared in the right pleural cavity.

By aspiration, 150 c cm of bloody fluid was obtained and the symptoms were promptly relieved. This cycle of sudden appearance of symptoms, aspiration, and prompt relief was repeated every day or every other day for about five weeks. As much as 41, liters of chylous fluid vere withdrawn at one time. Meet the patient was put on an entirely fat-free diet the accumulation finally ceased and complete recovery resulted.

J. DANIEL WELLERS, M.D.

### SURGERY OF THE ABDOMEN

#### ABDOMINAL WALL AND PERITONEUM

The Importance of the Transcersalie Fascia in the Development of Inguinal Hernia (Die Bedeutung der Fascia transversalis fuer die Antatehung der Leistenterna) Monafische f Unfallheilt 1016 42 122

After describing the anatomical relations of the transversalis fascia in detail the author calls at tention to the importance of the transversalis fascia in the development of congenital incumal herms and hydrocese He is of the opinion that these conditions are due to neakness of the elastic elements of the fascia. He states that incomplete oblite ration of the eaginal process, which is still present in a certain percentage of adults may not lead to herma if the transversalis fascia at the abdominal ring is suf ficiently strong to resist the intra abdominal pres sure It is only a contributory or predis posing cause of hernia. The enormous increase in the intra abdominal pressure during labor practically never leads to herms formation. Herms is equally in frequent in whooping cough. A normally developed and intact transversalis fascia withstands every type of intra abdominal pressure. Increased funtional demands cause not weakening but a com pensatury strengthening of the elastic elements. A single trauma may be reparded as the cause of an inguinal hermia only when the fascia is torn or injured. A hernia which appears suddenly after severe exertion without injury to the fascia is due to the entrance of abdominal viscera into the open vaginal process through a wide abdominal ring The tendency toward hermiation was present previ ously. All that was lacking to render the hernia manifest was the determining factor. The actual cause of the herma was a congenital weakness of the transversalis fascia

In indirect herms there is a weakness of the fibers of the ligamentum interfoveolate on the internal aspect of the inguiral canal. In direct being the fascin forming the nosterior wall of the inguinal canal is weak while the fibers of the inner inguinal ring are strong enough to prevent the exit of peritoneum or abdominal viscera under the influence of an in increase in the abdominal pressure

Frequent small traumas cannot induce berms so long as the transversalis fascia is normal and elastic Occupational demands do not notably favor herma formation. With increased functional activity the elastic elements of the fascia, like muscle fibers are increased and strengthened. However if the functional demands are greater than the capacity of the bissies a tear results in the fascial atructures All factors which injure the elastic fibers of the

transversalis fascia tend to favor herria formation

as the transversal's fascia alone forms the posterior wall of the inguinal canal and the internal abdominal ritie (L DUSCHE) JACON F KLEIN M D

Bratrud A F The Ambulant Treatment of Hernia Minnesota Med 1035 18 442

From he experience with the injection treatment of herma in the last three years Bratrud concludes that this treatment may be used and the hernix held reduced by a properly fitting trues in any case of anguinal berma provided there are no surgical contra indications lie has employed the method also in cases of emeastric femoral, and umblical heroia In giving detailed instructions for the proper fit ag and application of the truss, he empha uses the m portance of the patient's co operation. After discussing several objections to the treatment and a number of possible complications he cites the ad vantages of the method He gives the to make for the solutions he has used to date with detailed in structions as to the amounts to be injected at each treatment the type of syringe to be employed the location of the injection site, and the instructions to be given the nationt

The article contains illustrations showing the lo & tion of the internal inguinal ring the injection of the internal inguinal ring the various points for the in rections along the inguinal canal, pathological changes due to a direct hernia the technique for the injection of Hesselbarh a triangle, and the method of injecting umbilical herpias

In conclusion Bratrud alys that the injection treatment is a safe and effective method of correcting certain types of hernia if a proper technique is used knowledge of the fitting of trusses is ab olutely essential He states that the complications be enumerates have not been observed by him in clinical cases. He has treated 406 bermas in \$87 patients These included hermas of the indirect inguinal direct inguinal femoral and epigastro types The incidence of recurrence has been slightly FMTL C ROSTSHEY VD

#### GASTRO INTESTINAL TRACT

less than a per cent

MacCready P B Cardioapasm & Report of Two Cases with Postmorten Observations inh Olotaryngof 1937 21 633

The term cardiospasm was first used by Mad ficz in 1832 in describing of structions which he con sidered due to a simple spasm at the cardiac onfice of the stomach Today the term is employed to designate a spasm of the lower end of the 150, hagus involving not the ardiac opening but the cardiac sphineter Opinions differ as to the cause of the spasm

In the first case reported by the author the typical clinical picture of cardiospasm was presented and the diagnosis was confirmed by fluoroscopic and esophagoscopic examinations and by operation. The condition was fatal Autopsy disclosed a tremendous increase in the size of the circular smooth muscle of the lower two-thirds of the esophagus with no increase in the size of the longitudinal muscle fibers. There was also an extensive and diffuse chronic inflammatory reaction involving all coats but especially the submucosa. In the cardia there was no evidence of hypertrophy of the muscle fibers and the infection was much less evident.

In the second case, in which death resulted from trauma in esophagoscopy, the condition was of much longer duration. Autopsy revealed pronounced leukoplakia of the mucosa with ulceration of the mucous membrane. The hypertrophy was less marked because of extensive fibrotic changes in the muscular

fibers

The findings in both of these cases indicated that the cause of the cardiospasm was a chronic inflammatory reaction in the terminal portion of the esophagus, but a neurogenic origin could not be ruled out definitely John W. Nuzuu, M. D.

Westermann, J. J.: The Surgical Aspects of Bleeding Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer. Ann Surg, 1935, 101 1377

During the past ten years fifty cases of gastroduodenal ulcer complicated by hemorrhage were treated at St Luke's Hospital, New York City

Of the ten cases of gastric ulcer, nine were cases of penetrating ulcer of the lesser curvature. In eight of the latter the hemorrhage was slow and continuous and resulted in severe anemia. Three of the nine patients with penetrating ulcer of the lesser curvature were treated medically. Of these, two died in the hospital and one was discharged improved. The remaining six patients were treated surgically—four by the posterior Polya operation and two by posterior gastro-enterostomy with excision of the ulcer. The Polya operation was followed by one postoperative death. The patients subjected to posterior gastro-enterostomy with excision of the ulcer are both well at the present time and have had no further bleeding

Of the forty patients with a duodenal ulcer, fourteen vere not operated upon. Three of the fourteen are excluded from consideration because surgical intervention could not be considered in their treatment. The remaining eleven were treated medically and received one or more transfusions. Seven had one or more recurrences of hemorrhage.

and eight are dead

In the cases of the twenty-six other patients with duodenal ulcer forty-two operations were performed Posterior gastro-enterostomy alone, which was done seventeen times, was followed by recurrence of the hemorrhage in every case. The posterior Polya operation was done four times with one immediate death. Operation was followed by recurrent

hemorrhage in twenty-four cases, and death occurred as a direct result of the operation or postoperative

hemorrhage in 13 (32.5 per cent)

The author believes that such unsatisfactory results may be avoided if the site of the hemorrhage is controlled by direct surgical attack. He states that the operation must be one which will deflect the food stream entirely and permanently away from the duodenum. Indirect surgical treatment has proved unsatisfactory. The operation of choice is resection of the Polya type including the ulcerbearing area whenever possible. When the risk is considerable, resection for exclusion may be carried out with little or no more risk than gastro-enterostomy.

Samuel J Fogelson, M D

Fuss, H., and Leurs, L.: Contributions on the Problem of Intestinal Invagination (Beitraege zur Frage der Invagination des Darmes) Beitre Min Chr., 1935, 161-117

Among the cases of intestinal conditions treated in the Surgical Clinic of the University of Bonn during the period from 1911 to 1933 there were thirty-five cases of intussusception, an average of one and sur-tenths cases a year. Since 1923 the number of such cases has increased. The increase is explained by the opening in 1923 of a children's clinic in which seventeen cases came to operation, and by wider recognition by physicians of the

importance of early operation

Seventy-four and three-tenths per cent of the patients whose cases are reviewed were males and 62 9 per cent were in the first or second year of life. In the infants the condition was most frequent at about the middle of the first year and no anatomical cause for the intussusception could be found In cases in which the invagination occurred after the second decade of life, polyps, connective tissue bands, and Meckel's diverticulum were discovered In 2 cases the exciting cause was trauma due to heavy lifting. In fourteen of nineteen infants and five of nine adults the invagination occurred at the junction of the small bowel with the cecum eighteen of the nineteen cases of invagination in infants vomiting occurred and the feces contained blood, and in ten of these eighteen cases there was a palpable tumor. Palpation was often made difficult by the prognostically unfavorable meteorism

In the cases of the nine patients in the second decade of life or older it frequently led to an incorrect diagnosis. The most common erroneous diagnoses were stenosis of the bowel, ileocecal tumor.

and ileus

Since the work of Anschuetz the conservative treatment recommended by Danish surgeons has been abandoned and early operation has been performed. In all of the nineteen cases of invagination in infants operation was performed immediately. The earlier the operation the lower the mortality. The dividing line between safety and danger is about the twenty-fourth hour. In the cases of infants a chance for a successful result is offered as a

rule only by distinsignation. Fescetion is practically never successful. Anschutz reported their deaths in seventeen cases in which distinsignation was done and eight deaths in time cases treated by resection. After the twenty fourth hour dismyagnation is rarely possible and the chance for a successful result decreases ramely.

In cases in which the condition occurs after the second decade of life the prognosa is considerably more favorable even when operation is performed late the mortality being only 34 per cent it has is probable explained by the usually more choose course of the condition at this age and the fact that older children and adults tolerate resection much better than young children.

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Gold E and Stritzlo O. The Radical Operation for Carcinoma of the Rectum on the Basic Clinical Material of the Last Ten Years (poradical Operation des Rectumeramons an Hard des klimschen Materials det letzten 10 Jahreo) Arch J Him Chiv. 1913 152 21

This is a report on 117 operations for carcinoma of the rectum performed at the Rangi Clinic in Vienna Vinety were sacral operations 17 com bined operations 4 intra abdominal resections and 6 atypical operations such as local excisions. The total mortality was 23 q per cent and the mortality of the sacral operations 16 6 per cent Death follow ing a sacral operation was due in 1 case to thrombophlebitis with embolism in 2 cases to circulatory in sufficiency in a cases to pneumonia in 6 cases to progressive infection of the sacral wound in a case to neritoritis following injury to the usethra and a urinary phlegmon in t case to peritonitis resulting from gangrene and in a case to a moing spinal anesthesta Half of the patients subjected to an apparently radical operation developed a recut rence. The fact that most of the recurrences appeared in the sacral stump and the glands suggests that the majority were due to incompleteness of the operative procedure. The authors therefore regard all operations which do not open the rul de suc of Douglas as not radical

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The authors teserve combined operations for cases in which the tumor is situated very high i.e. is largely or entirely intraperatoneal. The end

results of the combined operations in the reviewed cases are not reported

(A W FISCHER) CLAUDE F DIXON M.D.

LIVER GALL BLADDER, PANCREAS AND SPLEEN

Mooney A C Cholecystography Bril J Radial

Choleca stography is reversed with grard to the rationale of its use, the technique and its wake as an aid in the clinical diagnosis of gall bidder disease. Vasualization in the living subject has wiend earlier conceptions of the anatomy of the gall bidder and permitted the demonstration of considerable variation in the position mobility ships and size of the organ. It has advanced our knowledge of its physiology by permitting the staff of such as the considerable with the considerable of the property of the considerable with the considerable of the considerab

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In conclusion the author states that for reliable results the examination must be made with gratcare and the findings correlated with those of other clinical procedures. Appears Harrico MD

Moratti A. Lymphatic Stasis in the Genesis of I spoidosis of the Gall Bladder (La sta un'atra nella genesi della lipoidosi colecistica). Chia chir 1935 V 357.

The author ceports two series of experiments on animals in which he demonstrated (1) the absorp

tion of thorium from the gall bladder and the distribution of the lymphatics of the gall bladder and liver, and (2) the development of cholesterosis of

the gall bladder following lymphatic stasis

In the first series of experiments he introduced a solution of Chinese ink and thorium into the gall bladder and after varying periods sacrificed the animals and studied the gall bladder and liver roentgenologically and histologically No evidence of absorption of the ink was found On the other hand the thorium salt was absorbed and granules of thorium were found in the lymphatic spaces and vessels of the gall-bladder wall and in the Kupffer cells of the liver. In the subserosa and submucosa the throum granules outlined two well-developed lymphatic networks which were connected by lymphatic vessels across the muscular layer

In the second series of experiments lymphatic stasis of the gall bladder was produced by dissecting the organ free from the liver and cutting the lymphatic trunks around the cystic duct. One week after the production of the stasis extensive desquamation of the epithelium, infiltration of the wall with blood or leucocytes, and a marked dilatation of the lymphatics, especially in the subserosa, were The sudanophile granules were deobserved creased in number in the epithelium, but appeared to be increased in the lymphatic reticulum of the subserosa and submucosa The granules were found either free in the lumen or in the endothelial cells

During the third week a regeneration of the epithelium, a development of villi, an accumulation of fat in the epithelium, and an increase in the fat granules in the subserosa and submucosa were found

In the fourth week, macroscopic examination disclosed yellowish granules in the mucosa of the gall bladder and histological examination showed the epithelium to be covered with numerous elongated villi There were no signs of inflammatory infiltration The fat granules were scarce in the epithelium but abundant in the subserosa and submucosa of the newly formed villi The fat was found either in large accumulations free in the lymphatic vessels or phagocytized in the endothelial cells

Examination three or four months after the surgical procedure showed a grossly and microscopically normal gall bladder with adhesions to the under-This demonstrates the resurface of the liver versibility of cholesterosis of the gall bladder after re-establishment of the lymphatic drainage of that organ secondary to the formation of postoperative adhesions between the gall bladder and liver bed

PETER A ROSI, M D

Aynesworth, K H.: Stricture of the Common Bile Duct. Am J Surg, 1935, 28 562

A woman forty-nine years of age was operated upon June 7, 1915, because of gall-bladder disease which she had had for twenty years Her condition being critical, only cholecystostomy was done Soon after she left the hospital the symptoms recurred, and on August 25, the gall bladder was removed

She then got along well until June, 1932, when she developed symptoms of obstruction of the common duct. At operation, the bile ducts were found to be a fibrous mass. At the junction of the cystic and common ducts there was a stricture which closed the duct almost completely Excision of the stricture followed by end-to-end anastomosis was done

The patient then got along very well for two weeks, but at the end of that time the symptoms recurred At operation on July 10, 1932, the entire common duct was found to be a fibrous cord Following its excision the part left at the junction with the hepatic duct measured about 1/4 in in length and the duodenal end was so short that it could bardly be recognized as the duct A rubber catheter was split at one end about 1/2 in, one-half was inserted into each hepatic duct, and the small segment of the common duct remaining tied around it. The catheter was laid in the channel of the common duct and its other end passed into the duodenum for about 1 in A soft rubber drain was placed down to the gall-bladder region, but not to the rubber tube

The patient had a rather stormy convalescence for a few days, but thereafter did well The drain was removed at the end of the second week and the wound healed After about three weeks a fistula developed at the upper end of the abdominal wound, this discharged bile-tinged fluid for about two weeks and then closed Subsequent roentgen studies showed that the rubber tube had been passed The patient's condition has remained satisfactory

In discussing this case the author states that the procedure followed seemed to be the only procedure feasible although it might have been possible to allow the formation of an external fistula and then use the fistulous tract for anastomosis with the duodenum or stomach

In comparing reconstruction of the common duct with reconstruction of the urethra be states that the danger of stricture is less in the common duct than in the uretbra This is probably explained by the absence of muscle in the fibrous layers around the common duct and the fact that this duct is not surrounded by spongy tissue which produces fibrous tissue in healing

In conclusion Aynsworth discusses various methods of reconstructing the common duct He states that in most of the cases reported the defect to be repaired was small, whereas in his case the distance between the hepatic end of the duct and the duodenum was more than 2 in and any approximation of the ends of the severed duct was prevented by fibrous tissue ALTON OCHSNER, M D

Allen, A W, and Wallace, R. H. The Technique of Operation on the Common Bile Duct -4mJ Surg , 1935, 28 533

Primary surgery on the common duct is now an essential part of the treatment of gall-bladder disease rather than a secondary operation Lahey reports that in his clinic the incidence of primary

choledochostomy increased from 155 per cent in

Such procedures as dilatation of the papilla of later and duct by special duct teatheters (Cheever, Bakes) and irrigation of the duct into the duodenum (McArthur, Matas) have been adjocated as supple ments to common duct surgery, but have not been mattered routinely.

Bakes recommends gradual dilatation of the papilla to the size of its common duct after ficusion into the duct. He believes that this will improve the drainage of bils into the duoleum and allow the escape of any stone on erlooked during the operation. He has devised for the purpose of he typed bouger ranging from 3 to 14 mm in d'ameter. He staise that such elsow dilatation causes no formation of ear

The authors technique is as follows

A right long paramedian incision is made the rectus muscle retracted laterally and the peri toneum opened. All adhesions are freed pancreas is carefully examined to exclude make nancy The gall bladder is decompressed by suction and after visualization of the bilizes ducts the palf bladder is removed in the usual manner. Following decompression of the common duct by asptration with a hypodermic syringe the duodenum is freed for further exposure of the duct. The aupraduodenal portion of the duct is incised in a longitudinal direction and 2 guy autures are placed in each edge. The aurgeon then goes to the left side of the patient and inserts the fingers of the fest hand under the duct and the thumb above it. This enables him to milk out and remove any stones under direct vision. A probe is passed through the incision into the duode num and followed by the Bakes dilators until sufficient dilatation of the papilla is obtained the probe cannot enter the duodenum the latter is onened longitudinally and retrograde dilatation is done The duodenum is closed transversely. The dilatation is done slouls and gently to the widest diameter of the duct. During the entire procedure the section tip hes in contact with the operative field appraising occurs bile and any fine debris that may be spulled A No so soft rubber catheter is sewed into the lower angle of the wound with %0 00 chromic catgut on an atraumatic needle and the incision closed about the tube. After peritonealization of all raw surfaces a gauze wick is placed in the subheratic lossa. The gauze wick and the catheter ace brought out through a stab incision made under the lower border of the twelfth rib The abdomen is closed in the usual manner. The earheter and wack are removed on the tenth postoperative day. The authors emphasize that the gauze wick is placed in the subhepatic fossa and no drains are placed in contact with the gall bladder bed ducts or duode

Surgeons employing this technique report that their patients have a smoother postoperative con valescence with less vomiting and that the incidence of duodenal irritation infection and incisional herma is low Probably the most important factor is the routine dilatation of the papilla

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4 A history of very frequent attacks of biliary

5 The presence of small atones or sand in the gall bladder

6 Contracted gall bladder

Thickening in the head of the pancress.

9 Impairment of liver function due to mechanical interference with bile drainage into the interface Of 901 operations performed for diseases of the gall bladder and its duets in the period from Japan

2 2022 to November 1 193; 138 were belegyrectomers with primary cholechostomy and elistion of the papilla. In the cases in which there operations were performed there were only a peroperative deaths. In 113 cases in which cholers tectomy was done with exploration of the room? a duct but without chilatistical of the papillar were deaths. Of the entire served of each of the certain and of the latter stones were I und in the duct to a per case.

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#### GYNECOLOGY

ADNEXAL AND PERIUTERINE CONDITIONS

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EDWARD LYKEN COR IELY M D

Crousse R and Dupont A Ovacian Victoriars of Epittellomas of the Digestive Tract Kru kenberg Tumors (Lesmétastes outrones des épithélionas digestis tuncurs de brukenben). Brueills mid 1031 35 900 351

Crouse and Dupont present a tabulation of 32 cases of krukenberg tumor, nine of which were their own and report three of their own cases in detail.

They state that Kruke-berg tumors are usually bilateral. As a rule the tumor on the nebt ade is larger than the tumor on the left The neonlasms are usually of an elastic consistency and frequently show evet careas. They are surrounded by a rapsule and on section show hard whileh and softer vellow Arukenberg who first described necrotic areas these tumors in 150, regarded them as primary but subsequent studies have shoun them to be secondary to tumors in the digestive tract. In the authors cases and the other cases tabulated the primary tumor was in the stomach While the stomach is its most common site it may occur also in some other part of the gastro-intestinal tract Krukenberg tumors occur Lsually in young women

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### OBSTETRICS

#### PREGNANCY AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Pagliari M One Hundred Casses of Placenta Previs Centralis and Marginalis (Considera som charche su was centura di ca.s di placenta previa centrale e marginale) (sincologi 1935 i 53)

Of 35 500 deliveress occurring at the Royal Maternity Ho-prital of Turns during the period from 1925 to 1934 inclusive, placenta previa occurred in 100 fox per centil. The incidence of placenta to the placenta previa musiculais as 6 42 per cent. Tighty placenta previa musiculais as 6 42 per cent. Fighty per cent of the women with placenta previa were multiparas. In 26 cases the condition was discovered at term in 24 mit be muth month of the pregnancy, in 30 mit the sighth month, in 17 mit beserved in mouth and may be such most of the seventh mouth and may be considered with the seventh mouth and 43 per cent in the eighth month in a case henorthage occurred only during labor at

The presentation of the fetus was cephalic in 6t per cent of the cases breech in 33 per cent, and

transverse in 6 per cent
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(breech presentation)	5.5	1	10
Classical version	18		12
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The total maternal mortality was oper cent and the total fetal mortality 3 per cent. Litteen of the maternal deaths were attributed to hemorthage 2 to sprins and 2 to brouchopneumona In the cases of death due to separ tamporated had been done before death of the case of death due to separ tamporated had been done before deaths as over the (to immaternity. In 18 of the cases in which the death was due to immaterity be cases in which the death was due to immaterity be finely been deather as over the condition the instrumental production.

The morbidity was 16 per cent in the cases of placenta previa marginalis and 9 per cent in the cases of placenta previa centrals. Philebits occurred in 4 cases and bronchopneumonia in 2.

The author concludes that the treatment of choice for placenta previa especially that of the central type is cesarean section by the abdominal route the emphasizes the importance of hospitalization in all cases in which placenta previa is suspected.

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(Wemerstra) MATRIAS J SEREET MD

Zocchi S and Robecchi E. Roenigenological Study of the Topographical and Functional Changes of the Intestine in Prefance at Term (Studio radiologico delle modificanosi topografiche e funcionali dell'intestino n'i a gravita a termino. Guerciogia 1935 i 617

The authors relected for their tody normal promparts and multiparts. For the study how for the property of the lowest portion of the intestreal tract here as of a bazum meet and for the case to portion of the intestreal tract here as of a bazum enems. The past ent was examined in the erect position and the observations were made in disconveniently and lateral positions.

The duodenum was peer found in the normal position. In many cases the duodenal bub could not be seen and in others it appeared invited The authors believe that these individual differences are related to the height of the uterine fundament to responding alterations in the shape and location of

fifth month of pregnancy. The last delivery which occurred in 1927, was normal Menstruation had always been irregular since its onset at the age of thirteen Sometimes there had been periods of amenorrhea la ting two or three months. However since March 1934 the menses had been regular The last menstruation began Sentember 8 1034 In October the patient began to complain of heat flushes, somnolence, vertigo, nausea, awelling of the breasts and di comfort and a feeling of weight in the lower abdomen She consulted a physician on October 20 forty two days after the lest period On examination the uterus was found to be about the size of a child's head hard and stregular. The Aschheim Zondek reaction was negative Because of the previous menstrual arregularaties a uterine fibroma was suspected.

The patient was seen by the author lanuary a 1035 when the symptoms had become more pro nounced Exam nation disclo ed three tumors, one of elastic consistency on the left side, a poorly de fined soft tumor on the right side and a fluctuant tumor in the cul de sac. The cervix was elevated The Aschheim Londek reaction was positive diagnosis of pregnancy complicated by uterine fibroids was made. To prove this an intravenous in section of o s c cm of an extract of the posterior lobe of the hypophysis was given Theaty five seconds after the injection the tumor in the cul desac became as hard as wood, the tumor on the left changed slightly in consistency and the sumor on the right side showed practically no change. The final diagnosis was pregnancy in a retroflexed uterus containing a fibroid which was underguing softening A third Aschheim Londek reaction was positive

Operation disclosed a pregnant uterus from the left cornu of which there arose a sessile fibrid with a softened center. Resection of the fibroid was done without opening the uterine cavr.) Un the third day after the operation on abortion occurred. The remainder of the postoperative course was interesting.

Fine case is regarded as of interest because of the negative Aschheim Zontek reaction during the early stage of the pregrancy and the use of an extract of the posterior labe of the hypothysis in the differential diagnosis NATINE A WANKA MD

#### LABOR AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Lorenzetti F. The kjelland Forcepy Judged on the Basis of 260 Applications and a Modification of the Technique of Their Use 11 lorence kjelland gudetal in base ad una casistera di 200 applica zimi e ad una particolare modificazione th termeal Ginnel gli 1955 1 523

The author has used the hydland forceps in 200 deliveries with uniformly good results. Ingins of the women were primiparia. Sax of the applications were made in cases of face presentation and 19,3 cases of vertex presentation. Thirty six were high forceps applications 120 mid forceps applications 210 mid forceps applications and 44 applications on the floating head.

There were no reaternal deaths. Three letal deaths occurred in the high is verps applications, and at the spops a tons on the floating head. The total letal mortality was 5 one cent

After the Bist 50 applications the author substituted for the original technique of introducing the anterior blade into the uterus and rotating 1% dedegrees the introduction used for an anteroposteror position. He claims no originality for the little

procedure

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GEORGE C. PINOLA M.D.

Kristensen B. Manual Detachment of the Pia centa and Intra Uterine Palpation. I used et zones. Sound. 1935, 15, 165

Intra utrane manupulations after childraft and to be considered very dangerous but expenses in eccent years neems to show that the danger was at aggerated. Several obstetricans have as erred that the risk of these interventions is eep small in all able cases and that the patient may be exposed to more secous danger in the manupulations are omitted

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#### PUERPERIUM AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Gibberd G F The Treatment of Puerperal Sepuls

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Very broadly speaking the infecting organisms aprimeral fever belave in one of three ways the may tend to remain forsilized at the size of success than there was varied to be remain forsilized at the size of success than the way tend to force thromboes in the fire veins with or without breaking down the day and the dissemination of septic embeds or there was tend to adjacent tissues and to the blood treat by permeating by unphastics or the small est veins.

Infections of the first type are often caused by such organisms as the bacillus coli staphylocota and non hemoly its streptrococe. If the infection mains localized to the site of inoculation the pa est will most critainly recover soorer or later. The sim

(6) epidermolysis bulloss and (7) hydron vacini forme

The treatment has three phases (1) prevention (2) control of the epidemic, and (3) the treatment of cases In treatment of cases the most satisfactory results are obtained from frequent cleansing with a roll aniseptic followed by the application of 2 dry dressing.

ROLLIN S. CROW MD

#### MISCELLANGOUS

Feiner D Chorlonepithelloma with a Long Latent

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Fenner reports the case of a woman twenty eight years old who developed a fatal vaginal tumor with the histological structure of a malignant chorson epithelioma two and one half years after a pregnance.

In sew of the number of authentic similar essent reported in the intertutive he concludes that where in the vast majority of cases all fetal elements are the terror to the maternal tusine within a comparatively short time after the termination of pregnancy, in exceptional instances (teal epithelia may remindormant in the maternal host either at the placental act or elewthere for months or 3 cars and then by some unknown seems; be stimulated to making the contract of the con

In conclusion Feiner says that if the Aschheim Zondektest had been used earlier in the case he reports the progress of the disease might have been arrested by grount fivsterectomy

FOWERD LYMIN COPAREL ND

Brews A A Follow Up Survey of the Cases of Hydatidiform Mole and Chorlonepithelioma Treated at the London Hospital Since 1912 Proc New Yor Med Lond 1935 28 1213

This article is based on a consecutive series of seventy two cases of bydatidiform mole and sixten cases of chomospitheloma. The cases of patients with a hydatidiform mole who subsequently developed a chorootepithelioma are included with the cases of chorootepithelioma are

A case of combined normal gestation and molar restation suggested that the englopical factor is an spherent abnormality of the ovum rather than if

Molar gestation may occur at any time during the child bearing period of life but of the patients whose cases are reviewed 37.5 per cent were fixed years off or older.

The average number of children preva h borne by these women was 43 and the average number of miscarriages of Twenty three and as

number of miscarriages of 1 went; three and as terths per cent of the women were primigravilas. In about 20 per cent of cases the uterus is and the than would be expected from the calculated duration

of the pregnancy In 35 per cent of thirty four cases in which the

examination of a catheter specimen of unne was recorded albuminuma was found.

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The most common erroneous diagnous was privatumor (uterine or oversan). This was mode in 115 per cent of the cases.
Conservative freatment, which was given in the

majority of the cases, had a mortalite of only 14 per cent. Primary hysterectomy was dime in only six cases. Puerperal sepsia or premia developed in an cases.

Puerperal sepsia or premia developed in an exert in a per cent of these chononepithenums de reloped subsequently

Secondary hemorrhage during the p riperum occurred in 15 per cent of the cases. In four of the ten cases it was due to the development of a thin is entitleliuma in the uterus.

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hemorrhage
The known incidence of chorioreritheliums was
8 a per cent feux cases). In one of these cases there

was a malignant perforating hi datif form mile.

During the same period of time eight other cases of chorronepithelionia were seen. Two of the pa

of chonomenithenoms were seen two or car ptients were males.

The author calls attention to the value of the Aschheim Londek and Friedman tests and em-

Ascinetti Couce, and retrouble to the phastes the importance of considering other division and laborators findings in the reterpretation of the reaction in conclusion he says that the ultimate processing the conclusion he says that the ultimate processing the conclusion has been conclusionally as the conclusion of the conclusion has been considered as the conclusion of the conclusion of

In conclusion he says that the minimal posin the reviewed cases of proved chomosphiliboosa was unexpectedly good and that after a pregruncomplicated by hydatuddorm mole fertule a often entirely normal Cast II Brain MD

## GENITO-URINARY SURGERY

## ADRENAL, KIDNEY, AND URETER

Sgrosso, J. A.: The Late Effect of Denervation of the Adrenal Gland on the Secretion of Epinephrin (Lifecto alejado de la desnervación de la glándula suprarenal sobre la secrección de adrenalma). Rev Sec. argent de biel, 1935, 11-139

In experiments of dogs two types of operations were performed—simple denervation at the hilus of the adrenal and section of the sympathetic chain and cehac plexus. The secretion of epinephrin was then determined at intervals of one month, six weeks, and three months. The suprarenojugular transfusion of Tournade and Chabrol was employed

No reflex secretion could be produced by faradic stimulation of the brachial, sciatic, or vagus nerves, and no discharge of epinephrin by direct stimulation

of the gland

In normal glands a discharge of epinephrin was produced by several drugs, and direct faradic stimulation of the gland before injection of the drug increased the amount of secretion produced by the

drug

Histological examination of the denervated adrenals showed the presence or hemorrhagic foci in the boundary between the cortex and medulla and in the medulla and internal portion of the cortex in one animal of each series. In the remainder the denervated gland presented the same microscopic appearance as the normal gland of the animal.

WILLIAM R MEEKIR, MD

Keyser, L. D.: Recurrent Urolithiasis. Etiological Factors and Clinical Management. J. Am. M. Ass., 1935, 104 1299

Urinary calculi may be produced in laboratory animals by (r) feeding oxamide, (2) producing an artificial excessive excretion of calcium oxalate, (3) the administration of excessive doses of parathyroid extract or viosterol, (4) the formation of uric acid calculi in animals with Eck fistulas, (5) feeding diets deficient in Vitamin A, (5) infection with urcasplitting streptococci, staphylococci, and bacillus proteus ammonia, and (6) causing the incrustation of organic or inorganic foreign bodies in the presence of infection

The first three of these methods depend upon an aseptic metabolic disturbance associated with an

excessive excretion of urinary crystalloids.

Preventive measures against recurrence should be begun with the removal of as many stones as possible by surgery or cystoscopy. At operation, particular care should be taken to prevent exposure of suture material to the urinary stream and to establish proper urinary drainage. In calculous pyonephrosis with severe infection nephrostomy is of value.

Roentgenograms should be taken at periods of from six months to a year, and repeated determinations should be made of the uric acid of the blood and the serum calcium and serum phosphorus. If hyperparathyroidism is suggested, roentgenograms should be taken of the bones. The dietary intake of purines, oxalates, calcium, and phosphorus should be regulated according to the predominant constituent of the stones removed. A high intake of Vitamin A should be given a further trial While the rôle of focal infection in stone formation is not clear, every effort should be made to eliminate or reduce any infection present Repeated bacteriological studies of the urine should be made. As the chief mechanical factor in recurrence is urostasis, periodical postoperative lavage with induelling catheters and dilatation of the ureter with bulbs up to No. 16 I should be done. The reaction of the urine should be changed to the opposite of that which is ideal for stone formation in the given case. Marked acidification is indicated in cases of ovalate, carbonate, and phosphate calculi and alkalinization in cases of urate and cystine stones. The urinary reaction should be determined in terms of hydrogen-ion concentration.

The author cites seven cases in which this treatment was followed. In none has there been a recurrence in the past year. In six cases a minor degree of infection persists, but in eleven the urine is free from pus and bacteria. Keyser is convinced that the clinical management described is more successful in breaking the cycle of recurrent stone than any other heretofore employed. If W. Placofmeter, M.D.

Jakšy, J.: The Hydronephrotic Bases of Renal Atrophy (Ueber die auf hydronephrotischer Grundlage entstandene Atrophie der Niere). Zischr. f urol Chir., 1935, 40-395

In experiments on rabbits the author ligated one ureter completely and then studied the functional and pathologico-anatomical changes from the day after the ligation to the twenty-fourth month. In the specimens the origin and development of hydronephrosis, atrophy and degeneration of the parenchyma, and the changes in the fluids collected in the ligated kidney were observed. The findings are shown by diagrams and photographs

In the author's opinion the atrophy of the renal parenchyma after ligation of the ureter is caused by the eccentric pressure produced on the parenchyma by the constant increase in the fluid in the renal pelvis due to compression of the interlobular arteries and veins. In the beginning it is observed that the substance of the medulla and the cortex decreases to the same degree as the dimensions of the renal pelvis increase. Soon, as the result of atrophy of the

papille and pyramids, there are formed in the parenchyma large cavities which with the dilated tenal pelvis present the picture typical of byd on perphosis. The parenchyma steaddy decreases and its greater part is crowded against both poles of the Madrey. After the eleventh and inclifth months in the experiments reported the parenchyma was found only at the poles. While the renalitiesse was reduced to about 0 5 mm in thickness, the pyedoreal size was several tumes greater than in the normal bidney.

Microscopically the strophy of the renal paren chyma was plainly discernible it was attributed to the mechanical stretching due to the retention of urine Simultaneously with the progressive atrophy of the epithelial cells there occurred a marked con bective tissue proliferation. In addition to the inter titial development of connective tissue examination disclosed flattened papille extreme dilatation of the tubules and unputerous capals flattening of the epithelial cells and a marked anemia of the kidney In the last stage of complete atrophy the Lidney was charged into a large cystic sac with fluid contents which contained scarcely any urea In the rema ming tenal tissue isolated decenerated glomeruli were seen. The maximal hydronephrosis was observed between thelve and fourteen months. after the ligation of the ureter. The cystic tumor then began to diminish. The author calls this proc. ess described fatrophia hydronephrotica

(L DURCHL) MATRIAS I SELFIER, M.D.

Romani A Contribution to the Study of Entero Renal Flatulan Massive Tuberculosis of the kidney and the Left Renal Space with the Formation of a Fiatula late the Colon and to the Exterior (Contribute allo visible distinction of the Colon and the Colon and the legga renale shipters intoltrate and colon e all coternoy Ark II Al with 70 2013 12 331

The case reported was that of a man thirty seven years old who was wounded several times during the war. Subsequently be developed cervical adentia pneumonia and enterity underwent an orch endigymectomy for tuberculous experienced frequent attricks of renal colic at the left side and developed returns with effision on the left side.

I ater he noticed frequency of urmation for which he consulted a urologist. The urologist performed cystoscopy and catheterization of the unters. No tuberrulous lesions were found at that time

Soon thereafter a cold abacess appeared in the left costal region. This was repeatedly empired by aspiration but finally developed into a fistula. Ame months later a carous portion of the left eleventh rib was resected.

In spite of heliotherapy and other therapeutic measures the fistula failed to close and new fistulas appeared in the lumbar and sacral regions

Once the patient noticed that from one of these fistulas there was an escape of gas accompanied by a shilant noise.

Physical examination revealed the presence of a fistula at the left base of the thorax corresponding to the level of the eleventh rib immediately behind the posterior anilary line. Several other fistulis were found in the left lumbar region. Pus escaped from each of the fistulous passages.

The abdomen was somewhat distended and palpation of the left segment educted matched rigidity. A mass extracting from the left covid a chdown to the posterior that crest was felt somewhat indistinctly.

Y 123 examination disclosed the presence of two fistulous passages—one extending from the left renal space to the exterior and the other extending from the large intestine into the renal space.

Under storphice ether anesthesis and with the patient lying on his right linds in uncosin was midding the first thinking the letter thinking the proposed a large industried mass which was identified as a letter to the letter than the lith in the earth of a large industried mass which was identified as the kinds. The mass was removed. The prostoperative course was somewhat stormy, but recovery all mately resulted.

On examination the removed kidney was found to be enveloped by an almost rigid and geall-thickened cap ule. On the anterior aspect there was a passage through which a large caseating focus was in direct communication with the exterior. A similar passage was found at the upper pole.

In discus ing the anatomicopathological features of this case, the author explains the mechanism which led to the formation of the fistular

In conclusion he discusses briefly the symptoms diagnosis and treatment of the condition and emphasizes the importance of postoperative belief therain.

Marcucol G. The Treatment of the Letter Remaining After Nephrectomy (Trattamento de' moncone uneterale dopo neftectomia). Un the

1955 22 422 The author briefly reviews the literature which indicates that the normal ureter remaining after nephrectomy retains all its functional rapacities though an some instances a gradual shifte atrophy of the coats of the ureter may occur He then dis cusses the development of urmary histolas in rephrectorry wounds as the re ult of shipping of the ligature on the ureter and the reflux of urine from the bladder into the wound He states that when the remaining ureter to involved in the pathological process it may continue to contain pus which may cause persistence of the cystitis or a flow of pus from the wound In some cases the inflammation may subsequently spread through the nall of the ureter and produce a re roperatoneal cellulitis or an abseess In this complication tuberculosis is especially important Occasionally after nephrectomi the process in the preter frais and the creter is con verted into a solid connective tissue cord often a ha ula results Therefore many surgeons resert most of the ureter with the kidney

To determine the possibilities of chemical coagulation of the uteter. Marcucci carried out experments on rabbits He injected a 2 per cent solution of iodized alcohol and after varying periods killed the animals and examined the ureters macroscop-

ically and microscopically

In general the results indicated a complete connective tissue transformation of the entire ureter Destruction and desquamation of the lining with hemorrhage into the lumen occurred early Later. the caustic fluid acted more deeply, affecting the muscle After three days there was evidence of necrosis with associated signs of aseptic inflammation New connective tissue elements soon invaded almost the entire structure and lumen, gradually matured, and caused obliteration of the lumen by A Louis Rosi, M D contraction

## Foley, F. E B: The Management of Ureteral Stone: Operation Versus Expectancy and Manipulation J Am M Ass, 1935, 104 1314

The author believes that in cases of ureteral stone expectant and manipulative treatment has been employed too extensively He states that only stones no larger than a wheat kernel give any promise of prompt passage or easy removal by manipulation Occasionally in cases of stones of this size and frequently in cases of stones which are only slightly larger expectant and manipulative treatment leads to difficulties, risks, and hardships The severe pain of many colics may be required for the stone to progress into manipulative distance, and during its passage dilatation of the ureter and renal pelvis and extensive damage of the kidney may occur

Foley removes any stone larger than a wheat kernel lying above the pelvic brim by open operation, preferably lumbar ureterotomy For this operation he has perfected a technique which renders the intervention a relatively minor surgical

procedure.

The operation is performed under local infiltration anesthesia with the patient in the Lidney position, the elevator being raised only enough to widen the space between the rib and the ilium without putting the flank muscles under tension An incision from 10 to 12 cm in length is made on a line extending in a vertical oblique direction from the middle of the twelfth rib toward the anterosuperior spine of the ilium The level of the incision on this line depends upon the level of the stone Division of the skin and subcutaneous fat exposes the posterior edges of the external and internal oblique muscles and the anterior edge of the latissimus dorsi muscle midway between the twelfth rib and the iliac crest muscles are made freely mobile by blunt separation of their undersurfaces from the lumbodorsal fascia on which they lie This permits the oblique muscles to be drawn well forward and the latissimus dorsi well backward, with exposure of a wide area of lumbodorsal fascia The lumbodorsal fascia is then split parallel with its fibers with exposure of the posterior layer of the pararenal fascia Except for a thin layer of intervening fat, this fascia lies directly in contact with the muscles of the posterior ab-

dominal wall, the quadratus lumborum, and the iliopsoas It passes posterior to the ureter and Lidney and onto the vertebral bodies medial to them. This fascia and the anterior layer of pararenal fascia form an envelope completely enclosing the perirenal and periureteral fat Instead of immediately opening this fascia to approach the ureter through its surrounding fat, as is usually done, advantage is taken, in the dissection, of the clean cleavage plane between the posterior layer of pararenal fascia and the muscles on which it lies By blunt dissection this cleavage plane is opened by gently stripping the

fascia away from the muscles behind it

The stripping is continued mediad to the vertebral bodies and in an upward or downward direction, depending on the position of the stone With the pararenal fascia and the contained fat elevated and held forward away from the muscles by a retractor, the ureter is seen as a pale ribbon-like streak running longitudinally 3 or 4 cm lateral to the vertebral bodies and immediately under the fascia The position of the stone is manifested by a bulge or can be determined by passing a finger along the course of the ureter With a curved or somewhat hooked scalpel a longitudinal incision is made through the fascia and ureter over the stone and the stone removed The ureter is not further explored, and no bougies or olives are passed into it. The opening in the ureter is securely closed with a continuous suture of No oooo catgut affixed to a fine atraumatic The suture includes only the muscularis, the mucosa being carefully avoided The wound is closed without drainage The lumbodorsal fascia is closed with a continuous suture, but the muscles fall into place and do not require approximation

The author states that this operation can be performed in from fifteen to twenty minutes and with practically no shock The patients are out of bed on the second or third day and ready to leave the hospital after from five to seven days. The risk, damage to the Lidney, hardship for the patient, period of disability, and uncertainty as to the outcome are very much less that in treatment by expectancy and manipulation H W PLAGGEMEYER, M D

## BLADDER, URETHRA, AND PENIS

Watts, J. W., and Uhle, C A. W.: Bladder Dysfunction in Cases of Brain Tumor. A Cystometric Study. J Urol, 1935, 34 10

The authors report the histories and cystometric findings in eleven cases of bladder dysfunction associated with brain tumor. The cystometric study showed a hypertonic curve in three cases and a hypotonic curve in eight Urinary symptoms were present in all of the former but in only two of the latter.

The authors believe that the evidence presented shows bladder representation in the cerebral cortex, the region of the hypothalamus, and even more caudad in the brain stem, and that disturbances of the function, tone, and sensation of the bladder are the result of le ions in certain parts of the brain or in tracts descending from them

Donata F. Hippe M.D.

Counseller V S and Braasch W F Diathermy for Carcinoma of the Bladder Ann Surg, 1935

In the treatment of bladder tumors considered non resectable on account of their situation in the base and nick of the bladder diathermy has been used at the Mayo Clinic since 1925. When the growths are large and pedurculated, they are partially removed by existing with the cautery and the remaining part of the necessaries is subjected to their termining that of the necessaries subjected to their

ough electrocoagolation.
In a recent review of the cases of 165 patients who lived five years or longer following various surjects procedures for malignant leasins of the bladder Counseller found that ta 17 cases the lessors, invoke the base of the bladder, ucteral ordices or both, and were considered non resectable. In 14 of these 17 the lessons were treated by electrocoagolation alone in 3 the major portion of the tumor was exceed with the cases where you do the base of the ordical way to be supported to electrocoagolation at the time of the follow up 150 the 17 which were alive and five from vessel symptomical way.

Because of the favorable results obtained by the use of disthermy in this group Counseller and Braa ch report these 17 class in greater detail in cluding data from the follow un records

In a of the cares the leasons were of Grade a maignancy no of Grade 3 nd of Grade 2 and in 4 of Grade 1. The average age of the patients with leasons of Grade 4 was forty ween vears that of these with leasons of Grade 3 diffy four years and the second of Grade 3 diffy four years and the second of Grade 3 diffy four years and the produced data the proper the patient with 5 malpantal leason the greater the probability that the malpaneaps so of high grade

In the cases of principals who were dead at the time of the previous report the malignancy of the lesions was graded 4 but only one patient died of

Two other patients have deel recently but not from caranoma of the bladder. When the cases are analyzed further with respect to survival site operation, it is seen that the patients living longs that do was of an average grade of malignamy of x hose brying next longest had besons of an average grade of x o and those with the shortest period of the state of the state

life bird lessors of an average grade of 17 For many serist is has been a routine procedure at the Mayo Clinic to request all patients who have been treated for malignaut lessors of the bladder to return for postsperative cystoscopic examination every lakes months during the first year and at in tervals of six months or a year series and at in tervals of six months or a year. The form the first period of the processing the processing of the processing of the processing the following the processing the following recurrent growths are discovered early and destroyed. hy transurethral electrocoagulation before symptoms develop, the end results being therefore greatly improved. It has been repeatedly observed that early recurrences even of levious graded; or 4 mil disappear after simple electrocoagulation.

During the ertire follow up period only 2 of the patient's developed recurrences. One of the latter had a lesson of Grade r and the other a lesson of Grade 2.

It is said that the extent of the necrosis produced by digthermy amounts to twice the diameter of the coagulating electrode and malignant cells are destroved to a depth equivalent to a times the diameter of the coagulating electrode In s of the cases reviewed the ureteral orifices could not be found as they were covered and partially occluded by the malignant growth. The tumor in these situations was electrocoagulated without regard to the preferal mestus and in a instances the intramural portion of the ureter was opened by coagulation a cm above the ureteral opening Complete healing resulted in every instance leaving a clean sear with the united ornice occupying a depression in the star Troublesome ascending infection did not occur in any in stance Tumor tissue involving the urethral iphra ter may be completely destroyed without subservent

incontinence or local recurrence. Some postoperative deformity occurred in 3 cases and in each was associated with rather matter existing. In the earlier works the fact of the cases in which the deformity of the earlier was also as the earlier was also as the earlier earlier was also as the earlier was also as the earlier was also with the cautery discount and the earlier was also with other procedures in many of the guithest cases it was not employed in any of the guithest cases it was not employed in any of the

cases reviewed

It is the authors impression that the advantage
of diathermy as a transvessel procedure for toper
able or non resectable lesions of both high and low
grades have not been sufficiently recognized.

#### GENITAL ORGANS

Puttu F New Orientations in the Treatment of Hypertrophy of the Prostate (Noovi or via menti nel tratiamento della ipertrofa della pretata) Rosse, no interna- di cini e terre 1935 10

Part. a briefly discusses the pathological a story, symptoms diagnoss and tirespired of being hypectrophy of the prestate First among the publisher methods of treatment a cathefunction Parts reviews the self known difficulties the standard of the standard radiotherapy. Sandoutherapy has found full favor. Fodoscope treatment in becoming more widely employed. After reviewing various report on the method of Partic concludes that in the standard of all methods should be taken into consider the standard of the

Hoess, H.: Transurethral Treatment of Prostatic Hypertrophy (Zur transurethralen Behandlung der Prostatahypertrophie). 59 Tog d deutsch Ges f Cl'e, Berhn, 1025

The author discusses briefly the indications for transurethral resection of the prostate. The limitations of this procedure as compared with those of the previous methods, suprapuble cystotomy and prostatectomy, prove the indisputable superiority of prostatectomy over all other methods, even the new method. The attempt should be made, as formerly, to perform a radical operation. In uncomplicated prostatic hypertrophy, both incipient and advanced, prostatectomy should be done whenever possible.

The new method seems to be contra-indicated by urethral immobility, severe bleeding, severe infection in the operative region, the absence of a mechanical hindrance to urination, the presence of an especially large tumor mass or generalized profiferation in which resection would not be sufficient, and chronic advanced urinary retention with complications in which there is immediate danger

Theoretically, resection appears to be the method of choice in all of cases in which the usual indications for prostatectomy are not present. The indications for prostatectomy should be judged more rigidly than heretofore and the new method used in cases in which these indications are not presented. In this way the results of prostatectomy will be improved

The new method may be employed in some of the cases which formerly were treated by suprapubic cystotomy. Of course, these should be the less severe cases. In this manner the establishment of a troublesome fistula will be rendered considerably less frequent.

As regards severity and danger resection is between suprapulic cystotomy and the radical operation, a fact of importance in the determination of its indications (H Hoess) John W Brennan, M D

Grant, O.: The Treatment of Chronic Prostatitis by Injection. J. Urol., 1935, 33 631.

Prostatitis must be considered a mass of minute abscesses the deep location of which prevents the introduction of medicaments and the egress of infected material. The purpose of the injection treatment is to introduce medicaments directly into the gland through a needle. As prostatitis is almost invariably associated with seminal vesiculitis, both vasa are injected simultaneously in the scrotum

The injection is made by way of the perineum or through the urethra. The anesthetic of choice is nitrous oxide oxygen. In injection by way of the perineum the bladder is filled with sterile water and the vasa are then exposed and injected with about 100 cm of a freshly prepared aqueous solution of 1 per cent mercurochrome. After this injection the patient is put in the lithotomy position, the prostate is palpated, and a non-breakable needle 8 in long and of No 20 caliber is introduced into the skin about 1 in above the mucocutaneous border of the anus and passed down inward until it is felt by a

finger introduced into the rectum. The needle is guided to the left lobe of the prostate by the finger and then passed on for about 18 in. into the gland Irom 5 to 10 ccm. of the solution are injected into the lobe. The needle is then withdrawn outside the capsule of the gland and inserted into the right lobe and the injection repeated. If the fluid passes too easily the needle is not in the proper position. When the needle is correctly introduced the gland is felt by the finger to distend A good average dose in the gland is 20 c.cm After the injection has been made the needle is withdrawn with a slight flow of mercurochrome along its path of exit to sterilize its tract through the perineum, the prostate is massaged with the finger in the rectum to disseminate the mercurochrome, and the bladder is empticd

The urethral injection is accomplished through a specially constructed needle introduced with the McCarthy panendoscope under direct vision The needle is inserted for #8 in into first one lateral lobe and then the other. I rom 5 to 10 c cm. of the solution are injected into each lobe. For treatment of the smaller glands the urethral method is the However, both methods serve the same purpose. In severe posterior urethritis and cases in which endoscopy is difficult or unwise, the perineal procedure is the method of choice. A mild posterior methritis with terminal hematuria and some pain on urmation may follow the treatment, but subsides after the insullation of a few drops of r per cent silver nitrate or the oral administration of sandalnood oil

The follow-up treatment consists of the application of heat to the gland by the Bransford-Lewis heater or by seating the patient over a commode fitted with carbon electric lamps, and massage of the prostate about every fifth day. This treatment should be continued until all the pus has disappeared and cultures of the secretion massaged from the prostate are sterile. As a rule it must be continued for from three to five weeks. Occasionally it must be repeated. Foci of infection should be eradicated Louis Neuwelt, M.D.

Rosenberg, W.: Abscess of the Testicle. J Urol, 1935, 34 44

The author reports six cases of abscess and one case of necrosis of the testicle. Four of the abscesses were due to gonorrhea and two to chronic urinary tract infection. The necrosis was due to torsion

On the basis of their cause abscesses of the testicle may be classified into the following four groups: (1) those due to genorrhea, (2) those due to chronic urinary or genital tract infection, (3) those due to torsion of the spermatic cord, and (4) those due to a systemic infection such as typhoid fever and variola.

Abscess of the testicle usually results in complete destruction of the testicle. Therefore early diagnosis and treatment are important for maximal preservation of the testicular tissue.

ANDREW McNally, M D.

Cutler M and Owen, S. E. The Clinical Value of Prolan-A Determinations in Teratoma Testis Am J. Cancer 1035, 24, 313

The authors report determinations of Prolan A made on the urines of sixty six men suffering from terational tests. The amount varied between 50 and 16,000 mouse units. In the cases of thirteen men with beingn lesions of the testicle the urine confisioned less than to mouse units of Prolan A nep later.

The authors spree with Ferguson that quantitative determinations of I olon A in the time will be read as a good in the diagnosis programs and treatment of textorem texts. The exercise of I rolan A is decreased when translation treatment is successful moduling a regression, but remains unchanged or becomes increased when the tumor fails to respond to the treatment. The test may be used also in following up patients treated for teratoms of the texticle

FRANK M CORNENS UP.

Hinman F and Powell T O The Gonadotropic Hormone in the Urine of Men with Tumor of the Testis J. Ural. 1915, 24 55

As the patostary gland pregnancy and embryonal tumors are known to cause the appearance of goind simulating formones the authors believe that the stimulation of the growth of the goods and greatsl organs in infantile mice and rais varies with the origin of the bormone producing it and the amount of the hormone present in the urner. They state that quantitative tests for the hormone may be made in the case of th

They found mice to be better animals for disg nosis than rats. Rabbits were unsatisfactory The authors believe that the majority of testicular tumors are embryonal and that injection of their harmones into infanite mice and rats causes gro s enlargement of the uterus and microscopic ripening of the ovarin follocles.

A positive reaction is evidence of malignancy of the testicle. The the apeutic test of irradution is of hithe value in the prognoss. Its ir will smoot be interpreted in the light of the histological structure of the tumor and that of the chinical and physical fundams.

The authors believe that the hormonal test is of value in prognous and control of treatment, and may be of value in the classification of tumors.

DONALD & HIRRS M D

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fic analyzes fifty four cases giving the results of ridical operation and his classification of the neonlasms Down & Huns W.D.

# SURGERY OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS

CONDITIONS OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS, ETC.

Meng, C. M., and Chen, H. I: The Association of Intrathoracic Lesions with Bone and Joint Tuberculosis. A Study of 100 Cases. J. Bone & Joint Surg., 1935, 17, 552

The authors reviewed 100 cases of their own and cases reported in the literature to determine the frequency of intrathoracic lesions in cases of bone and joint tuberculosis. All of their patients except I were Chinese. Their average age was twenty-two and six-tenths years. Sixty-six per cent had discharging sinuses. In the cases of 96 per cent the diagnosis of tuberculosis was proved by pathological examination. Seventy-eight per cent showed evidence of intrathoracic lesions, and of these, 47 per cent had pulmonary tuberculosis.

The authors therefore believe that there is a close relation between intrathoracic lesions and bone and joint tuberculosis, and that more attention should be paid to intrathoracic infection as a probable primary focus. They emphasize that treatment should not be discontinued as soon as the peripheral lesions have been eliminated. PAUL C COLONNA, M D

Rutishauser, E., Broccard, R., and Bianchi, M:
How Soon After the First Injection of Parathormone, Glucose, or Lead Salts Do the First
Signs of Osteitis Fibrosa Appear? (A quel
moment après la première injection de parathormone, de glucose, ou de plomb voit-on apparaitre
les premiers signes d'ostéite fibreuse?) Presse méd,
Par, 1935, 43 789

The authors have produced osteitis fibrosa in guinea pigs—the endogenous form by injecting parathyroid and thyroid gland preparations, and the exogenous form by giving metallic salts, glucose, and other substances which produce acidosis

In one experiment parathyroid tissue obtained from a man killed in an accident was grafted under the periosteum of the femur of a guinea pig. Within ten hours a slight generalized osteoclasis was noticeable. This was no more marked at the site of the graft than elsewhere. When the procedure was repeated on a rat the same result was observed. The bone changes were only temporary. By the end of eighteen hours they had disappeared.

Within an hour after the injection of any of the preparations an increase in the blood calcium and phosphates could be easily detected. This change was followed by the appearance of the osteoclasis Four or five hours after the injection a distinct change in the staining character of some of the cells of the endosteum and of those on the borders of the haversian canals was apparent. Various forms of

osteoclasts could be differentiated in the haversian systems and endosteal region. Some were fusiform, some had a single nucleus, and some were multinuclear. Some apparently absorbed the bone and others were inactive. In general, the bone metabolism and histological aspects of the absorption were the same after injections of parathormone, lead salts, or glucose, but it is difficult to say whether the mechanism of their production was identical.

The time at which the changes in the serum calcium appear varies in different species of animals. In the dog they are noted after four hours, and in the

cat, after a few minutes

In man, the injection of parathyroid hormone is followed by diminution of the phosphorus of the blood with the exception of the lipoid-soluble form In animals, injections of thyroid hormone and the implantation of thyroid tissue has not been found to produce skeletal changes

In conclusion the author calls attention to the necessity of differentiating between the osteits fibrosa of Recklinghausen and Paget's disease.

WILLIAM ARTHUR CLARE, M D

Bernabeo, E.: Parathyroidectomy and Recklinghausen's Disease (Parathroidectomia e morbo di Recklinghausen) Clin chir, 1935, 11 309

The author reports a case of Recklinghausen's disease in which no parathyroid adenoma was found on surgical exploration, but a good result was obtained following the extirpation of two normal parathyroids. He then discusses the symptoms, pathogenesis, and therapy of Recklinghausen's disease

PETER A ROSI, M D

D'Harcourt, J., and D'Harcourt, M.: A Contribution to the Study of Volkmann's Ischemic Contracture (Contribución al estudio del sindrome de contractura isquemica de Volkmann) Medicina, Madrid, 1935, 6 237

This article is based on the cases of twenty-seven children and two adults with Volkmann's ischemic contracture. In the children the condition followed supracondylar fractures of the humerus, in one adult it developed after a Colles fracture, and in the other adult, it affected the extensor muscles of the foot following a fracture of the leg. The authors present a comprehensive discussion of the pathology, theories of origin, symptoms, diagnosis, prophylaxis, and mechanical and operative methods of treatment

They state that various intrinsic and extrinsic factors contribute to the development of the syndrome—an increase of carbon dioxide in the tissues consequent to the edema, anoxemia; and an accumulation of lactic acid in the muscles which causes permanent contracture and eventual death of the

muscle cell. The predomnant factors vary in dilerent cases: In some cases the roution is caused by external mechanical conditions. In others expicially those of unreduced supercondight rotures the pressure of a large hemistoms is responsible. The rarry of paralysis of peripheral nerves makes it probable that direct compression of the muscles plays the decisive offe. Vascular factors are much less important than is usually present the theory of a 55 mpsethetic congra is not supported by the findings of experimental investigations. It is probable that sympathetic disturbances only contribute to the complex lesson

At operation, the authors have constantly found arterial contraction due to irritation of the peri vascular plerus. In the course of experiments for other purposes they have occasionally produced massive necrosis of a limb by very high ligation without extrapation of the lumbar sympathetic chain When progressive ligations with fascia were made according to Mac Vealy's method a condition resembling Volkmann's contracture sometimes oc curred They state that the supplementary circula tion of a limb takes place principally through the muecles of the limb and compression of the small collateral arteries by edema greatly hinders the vicatious circulation through the muscles syndrome will occur in any muscle subjected to direct compression intrinsic or extrinsic which is followed by pressure necrosis and aggravated by depression of the blood and nerve supply

In discussing the prophylans of Aoltmann schowic contracture the authors stress particularly prevention of the formation of large hematomas and avoidance of circular pressure and exaggerated hypercorrection in fractures around the elbow. They state that continuous estain traction on ofte firesy should be begun immediately when it is found that the condition does not yield to simple measures. They have devived a simplified form of the Bie subsky Morrisons apparatus. This consists et sentially of a curved rod which is attached to the dorsum of the wrist and teramates in a 2resolver on which five things are hung by rubber bands. The range are bound to the fingers by adhesyes tupe and

the tension is regulated by means of the hands In a case of Volkmann's contracture of the leg the authors performed a periarterial sympath.ctomy of the anterior tibial artery. The subjective and objective improvement was marked. They have repeatedly practised external neurolysis on the median and ulnar nerves According to their observations lesions of the median nerve respond better than lessons of the ulnar nerve The latter respond very unfavorably They have twice tried Bailey's procedure of moving down the origins of the entrochlear muscles but the results were not good In old contractures in which flexion of the wrist dominates the picture cunciform resection is indicated Complete extension of the fingers by means of Z-form tenoplasties is impossible

The operation on the upper limb which is most logical and feast traumatizing and has given the best results in the authors cases I the incemous procedure of Juanists This consists in clongating one group of flexors in the forearm at the expense of the other thus converting them into a single group of sufficient length to overcome the contracture. The superficial group is divided just above the wrist and the deep layer 5 or 6 cm higher The proximal segments of the superficial muscles are sutured to the distal ends of the deep muscles and at the same time the fingers are placed in extension. In muscular retraction in other situations operations to diminish the muscular tension by shortening the hones are indicated This type of operation is not justifiable in the upper extremity, but may be very serviceable in the foot In a case of Volkmann's syndrome of the leg the authors removed the proximal phalanges of all the toes, attarning a perfect functional result without affecting the stability of the foot

The article is illustrated by sletches diagrams photographs and photomicrographs and is followed by a hibliography M. E. Mosse M.D.

McMurray, T P Osteo Arthritis of the Hip Joint Brd J Surg 1935 22 726

This article deals especially with the treatment and end results in a series of eighty nine cases of osteo arthritis of the hip joint treated during the past afteen years

The average age of onset of the condition was fifty three years in bilateral cases and thirty four years in unilateral cases. In several of the unila teral case it was possible to demonstrate the occur rence of a lesson such as osteochondrins (Legg Calve I erthes) or partial slipping of the epiphysis earlier in life Alteration in the shape of the femoral head from any cause predisposes to osteo-arthritis of the hip joint Metastatic infection is probably of etiological importance in bilateral cases and trauma in undateral cases The two types are quite similar in their clinical symptoms and show only minor mor phological differences Roentgen examination discloses a loss of joint space due to thinning of the articular cartilage. In bilateral cases the head is usually normal in shape but in unilateral cases it is flattened on top so that the top of the neck and the top of the head are on the same level

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plasty, (2) pseudarthrosis, or the formation of a joint close to, but not at, the original joint site, (3) arthrodesis, or complete destruction and stiffening of the joint, and (4) osteotomy to change the weight-bearing line—the bifurcation operation

Arthroplasty was done in seven of the author's cases. In five, the results were so disappointing that the patients readily agreed to a second operation for arthrodesis. In the two others the patients were satisfied with the improvement although the results

were not perfect

The cases for which pseudarthrosis is indicated are those with bilateral ank losis in adduction and those in which the lumbar spine is stiff. This operation was done in four of the reviewed cases with good results as regards motion, but with the sacrifice of some stability. A large portion of the neck and upper end of the femoral shaft is removed and the trochanter re-attached to the head and remaining portion of the neck. The shaft is then set under the trochanter where a false joint will be formed

The most satisfactory of all surgical procedures for the relief of unilateral arthritis of the hip is The extra-articular method should be arthrodesis combined with the intra-articular method head of the femur should be removed and completely denuded of all articular cartilage before it is replaced in the acetabulum A bone graft should be turned down from the wall of the thum and laid across the In six of the author's seventeen cases in which arthrodesis was performed, bony union failed In all of these six the operation was performed by the intra-articular method only Pain in the hip is relieved when hony ankylosis is obtained, but in a few cases pain develops in the lumbar region hecause of the extra-function placed on the lumbar spine hy the stiff hip

The Lorenz hifurcation operation consists in making an oblique osteotomy of the femur just ahove the lesser trochanter, slanting upward from without, and then displacing the shaft inward and slightly upward The shaft unites in this new position after four or five months in plaster, and the change in the weight-hearing line is easier on the hip joint For patients who are poor surgical risks, this is the operation of choice as it can be done in fifteen or twenty minutes with minimal shock. In twelve of the author's fifteen cases in which it was done the results were excellent In three, they were poor because the shaft was not properly displaced after the osteotomy WILLIAM ARTHUR CLARK, M D

Spaulding, H V.: The Traumatic Knee. Ann. Surg, 1935, 102. 115

Of 146 knee-joint operations, 12 were performed for fractured patella, 12 for joint mice, and 83 for lesions of the semilunar cartilage Four patients required a second operation because of lesions overlooked at the first operation In 1 case there was an extra-articular infection

For fracture of the patella the author advises early surgery with an incision below the line of

fracture, no irrigation of the joint, and the use of absorbable suture material (kangaroo tendon). He states that delay of operation is indicated only when there are skin ahrasions

Following a discussion of the mechanism of meniscus injury, Spaulding says that the essentials for the diagnosis of such injury are a history of sudden violence of a twisting type with the knec in flexion followed by pain and effusion with or without locking, marked tenderness at the site of the lesion, lack of response to physical therapy, and later a flexion defect due to muscle atrophy Roentgen examination shows nothing abnormal

Tears in the internal lateral ligament are rarely complicated by fluid in the joint and never cause locking. They are accompanied by localized tenderness and by pain which is increased by abduction

of the leg with the knee extended

Locking caused by a foreign body can often be diagnosed by palpation and usually by roentgen examination

Three other knee conditions sometimes producing symptoms are osteo-arthritis dissecans, which can be diagnosed by roentgen examination; tears of the crucial ligaments, which are due to severe violence and allow anteroposterior mobility of the flexed knee, and pinched fat tahs (Hoffa's disease), which

can be diagnosed by exclusion

Meniscal lesions should be operated upon as soon as they are diagnosed. Physical therapy is contraindicated. At operation, a tourniquet is not necessary. A small bloodless incision should be made and the intra-articular structures handled gently. In the author's cases a circular cast is applied for four days. On the seventh day the sutures are removed and gentle passive motion is hegun. The patient is discharged from the hospital at the end of two weeks. The average period of disability is from six to ten weeks.

CHESTER C GUY, M. D.

Darrach, W.: Internal Derangements of the Knee.
Ann. Surg., 1935, 102. 129

Internal derangement of the knee may be due to one or more of several pathological conditions. The latter include loosening, tearing, and fraying of the menisci, disorders of the synovia, the lateral and crucial ligaments, and the periarticular structures, and loose bodies in the joint. The patient with an internal derangement of the knee usually complains of attacks of pain in the knee and locking, slipping, catching, or giving way of the joint. These attacks occur suddenly and are followed by more or less The history is usually about the same regardless of the nature of the lesion It should be taken carefully and a thorough examination should be made An accurate differential diagnosis is difficult It should he remembered that swelling of the knee following injury is due to an effusion of blood Effused blood is nearly always found on aspiration and indicates that some structure has been torn

Of the author's cases, operation disclosed a single lesion in 25 per cent, two lesions in 25 per cent, and

three or more lesions in 50 per cent. Darrach disapproves of the small buttomhole increson with only the temoval of a menicurus. He urges the use of a larger incision and as thorough inspection of the joint as possible. He states that operation is often postponed too lone.

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Casini A Mainfalthan Epithelioma on an Old Osteornjellite Focus of the Tinka-So Called Adamantinoma of Fischer? [Fpatchoma maj pighano su antico locolato estemuletisto della libia, —cost detto adamantinoma di Fischer?] I cuella, kome 1913 42 see tutt 318

The case reported nas that of a map fifty his years old At the age of sevel years the patient say ford a compound fracture of the tubus and fibulation developed at the sate of the fracture, but the wound closed by the end of the seventh month A vera siter the actionent there appeared on the antenor aspect of the leg a small ulceration from which a small quantity of purchase material excelet which a small quantity of purchase material excelet years later the patients and lent noted a sense of bearmens in the leg associated with a deep dull pain which was most pronounced at might. The leg then increased in sign and a large ulter developed

The general findings on examination were essentially negative, but on the anterior appeal of the night left there may a large theretaed area extending from a point three finge-protradition below the knee to a most four finger-breadiths above the thiotactsal articular. The there was one of this loop area directed longitudinally. Its margins were raised and inducted acted its base was occupied by this, left of the season and in certain places was covered with a grayable equidate. Bleeding occurred easily

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A piece of a fleshy vegetation was removed for bops. Histol gical examination revealed a typical majoghan epithel was. On the basis of this finding the leg was amputated. The patient made an uneventful recovery.

In discussing the case the author expresses the opinion that the development of mangiancy may

have been favored by the chrome inflammat on accompanied by destruction of cellular chrone, is the toric action of incro-organisms changes in the physicochemical properties of the tissue, or a combination of these factors.

The neoplasm had many of the characteristics of the adamantinoma of the itbu described by Fixed and others as a rather beings tumor which develops locally and does not tend to form metastics all though it has a tendency to recur locally. Casin believes that the term adamantinoma should be restricted to tumors developing in the tax.

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#### SURGERY OF THE BONES JOINTS MUSCLES TENDONS ETC

Erfacher P J The Radical Operative Treatment of Bone and Joint Tuberculosis J Bone & Joint Su E 1935 17 536

In his discussion of the rad of operative treat ment of bone and point independous Enished temphysics that the condition is not a primary disease of the bones and points but a mutastic condition from an old and persistent focus and that its course is starteneyle chrome. The believes that the leason is Ireared most satisfactorily by radical surgery. This form of treatment has three advantages it gives reasonable certainty of hearing, der toberculous leason and terminating the infection function and its cost is commensurate with the results and not probabilities.

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The author bases his conclusions on a series of 276 cases. In 110 the lesions were circumstabled the type which he believes should be removed radically Page C Lozova MD

Radulesco A D Curved Osteotomy of the Innominate Bone as Treatment for this loss of the Hip in Poor Position (a osteotome counted to los roxal comme traitement del ankylore de la hanche vicceusciment consolidée) I resse med la 1 195, 43 822

The ideal procedure for anhylous of the hip is restoration of motion by arthroplasty As arthroplasty is contra and arthroplasty is contra and arthroplasty is contra and arthroplasty is contracted and in a case of anhylous thousand the arthrop art

result in an anterior angulation of the fragments which may cause disturbance of the nerve trunks or

the hlood vessels

To prevent such disturbances the author does an osteotomy in the pelvic bone just above the joint An incision is made over the trochanter and the skin and fat flap turned upward To expose the acetahulum and the ankylosed head of the femur the trochanter is sawed off and turned upward with its muscle attachments With a curved chisel the osteotomy is then made around the roof of the acetabulum, outside the joint. When the block of bone surrounding the head is free the deformity is corrected Any open spaces remaining are filled in with bone grafts obtained in the region of the os-The tissues are then sutured hack in place and a plaster cast is applied To facilitate walking, a stirrup may be added to the cast The cast is left on for from eight to twelve weeks, depending on the age of the patient and the degree of the deformity

This operation, which is not difficult, gives results superior to those of femoral osteotomy. It is per-

formed preferably under local anesthesia

WILLIAM ARTHUR CLARK, M D

Del Torto, P.. The Treatment of Congenital Club-Foot (Il trattamento del piede torto congenito) Ann ital di chir, 1935, 14 113

The author reviews the cases of 215 patients

representing 344 clubhed feet

In the cases of infants who bad not begun to walk the treatment consisted principally of manual modeling of the foot and the application of a retention handage. At ahout the age of three months plaster splints are used easily

In the cases of children from ten months to two years of age the treatment was the same as in the first group plus the occasional performance of

fasciotomy and tenotomy

The cases presenting the greatest variation in the indications for treatment are those of children from two to six years of age. In many of the reviewed cases in this group forced manipulation was done under anesthesia, hut more often the foot was operated upon for correction and then maintained in plaster splints

In the cases of patients from seven to ten years old, the age at which the skeleton is beginning to take definite form, tenotomy and operations on the ligaments were performed more frequently and

osseous plastics were done occasionally

In the cases of patients eleven years of age and older the treatment was almost exclusively surgical The operation preferred was cuneiform tarsectomy

The author states that at all ages the treatment must be continued until the patient is able to pronate and dorsifier the foot. Until then the foot must be held with plaster or a splint in a hypercorrected position. The treatment may require several months and sometimes several years. The majority of poor results are attributable to too early removal

of the plaster splints Supervision is advisable even after an apparent cure A Louis Rosi, M D.

Bugyi, I: Radical Operation for Hallux Valgus (Ueber die Radikaloperation des Hallux valgus). Chirurg, 1935, 7. 137.

Operative procedures for the correction of hallux valgus may he classified into four groups according to whether they attack the hone, the joint, or the soft parts or a combination of these parts. At the time that Kirschner was director at the Tuehingen Clinic, very good results from simple chiseling off of the exostosis by the Schede method were reported from that clinic However, Bugyi prefers resection of the head of the first metatarsal hone hy the method of Hueter His method differs slightly from that of Hueter in that he does not scrape away the cartilaginous surface This variation was suggested by Leonte Hueter sought hony union hetween the phalanx and the stump of the metatarsal, whereas Bugyi seeks the gradual development of a new joint Bugyi's technique is as follows.

Local anesthesia is induced and the bursa and overlying skin are excised If possible, opening of the hursa is avoided in order to prevent infection The joint is opened and the head of the nietatarsal is skeletonized The head is then removed with a Gigli saw and the medial edge of the stump is smoothed with a Luer cutting forceps. The periosteum of the stump is then cut around and scraped off toward the periphery to prevent the formation of exostoses about the edge of the stump The capsule of the joint and the skin are closed by suture. No plaster of Paris dressing or splint is applied. The toe is held in the desired position by means of a handage After ten days the dressing is changed After fourteen days the patient is permitted to stand on the foot, wearing an "ordinary sandal" with the usual inlay for flat-foot

Of thirty-one cases reviewed, the operation was done on both feet in twenty-five and on one foot in six Twenty-eight of the patients replied to followup letters Nine stated that they were quite satisfied with the result, fourteen, that the condition was considerably better, and five, that they were dissatisfied with the result The dissatisfied patients were of the asthenic type and had undergone the operation for cosmetic reasons rather than because of pain or occupational disability Bugyi concludes that in the cases of such patients the Schede operation should be done first and if severe pain, pronounced bone changes, or advanced deformity occur after that procedure, the Hueter operation may be done later (PLENZ) JOHN W BRENNAN, M D

## FRACTURES AND DISLOCATIONS

Dunlop, J.. Traumatic Separation of the Medial Epicondyle of the Humerus in Adolescence J Bone & Joint Surg., 1935, 17 577.

The author discusses separations of the median humeral epicondyle on the basis of fifteen cases which have come under his observation in the last four vear. He believes that the productive mechanism is a pulling away of the emphysis by muchaction followed by breaking open of the point from the aids and if progressive a giving way of the bone structures to the lateral lade. In one of by a case; in which the displacement was slight, closed reduction was satisfactor.

For most cases, Dunlop advises operation with suture of the bone fragment in as good a position as possible

He reports several case and presents illustrative roentgenograms Barbara B Struson M D

Lupacciolu G Fracture of the Cervical Spine from the Standpoint of Reentgenological Investiga tion (I rathure del rachde cervicale all miagne radiologica) Radiol med 1935 22 529

The author emphasies the necessity of checking the rootingth findings in cases of suspercied fracture of the certical agine by careful consideration of the cinical history and the findings of physical caranua tion. He points out that espicially the first and second certical verteber frequently show congenital sariations and developmental failures which may be easily interpreted as traumatic pseudo

He emphasizes also the importance of an exact technique in roentgenography of the cervoral span particularly as regards the first and second verte bic. He states that an anteroposterior roentgeno gram should be taken through the open mouth and a interal roentgenogram faken with the patient set time, a z meter focal distance being used

ting, a smeler local instance being such and After tracing the development of the first and second cervical vertebre he reviews cases of atlas and aus fractures reported in the hierature dis cusses the mechanism of the various types of frac tures with and without humbon and rrows the bony and articular nationy of the first and second cervical vertebre. The anatomy and physiology of the rest of the cervical spine are discussed in some detail with priticular reference to the inter-criebral disks and the various types of reported fractives and braxianons of the cervical spine are unity sed with regard to the mechanism and with regard to the redenance and continue to the constigue findings including the changes secondary to dismage to the disks. To distract the vanious to dismage to the disks To distract the vanious under the author's observations are reported with

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BARBARA B STUSSON M.D.

Will's 62 P. A Modification of Whitman a Treat

ment for Fracture of the Neck of the Femur J Bone & Joint Surg 1015 17 670 In order to make the Whitman sp ca behter and less cumbersome and to prevent troublesome still ness of the knee the author bas devived a modifica tion of the Whitman treatment Under general anes hesta a Kirschner wire is driven through the femur at the upper part of the condyles tightened and fastened to the horseshoe or your Reduction is accomply hed while an assistant maints as trac tion by means of the hor eshoe A plaster spica is then applied from the mid thoracie region to the level of the femoral condules on the sides. This incorporates the wile and postenorly is about \$ in higher to allow knee flevion. When the pot ent is placed in bed the foot is allowed to rest on a stool and is supported by a sling attached to the yoke to prevent footdrop. Movement of the knee and antic

is po sible after application of the cast
Rannaga B Strasp, M D

# SURGERY OF THE BLOOD AND LYMPH SYSTEMS

## **BLOOD VESSELS**

Edwards, E. A.: The Treatment of Varicose Veins: Is Systemic Disease a Contra-Indication? J. Am. M. 155, 1035, 104 2077.

The author reports a study made to determine whether it is dangerous or unwise to treat patients suffering from systemic diseases such as diabetes, syphilis, and diseases of the heart, lung, and kidneys by the injection of sclerosing agents with or without ligation. One thousand consecutive patients, treated for varicose veins in the Circulatory Chnic of the Boston City Hospital were studied. Seventy-five of the patients had a preliminary ligation. All were treated by the injection of quinine and urethane or sodium morrhuate, and a few by the injection of sodium so of sodium chloride and devirose, or invertising a sufficient solid sol

Three hundred and seventy-five (37 5 per cent) of the patients suffered from at least one complicating serious systemic disease which, according to previous criteria, would have contra-indicated the treatment. Aside from syncope, there were only three reactions, all in women. In one case the reaction consisted of vomiting and dizziness, and in two

cases, of uterine bleeding

The author states that a consideration of the pharmacology of the substances injected suggests no contra-indication to their use in the presence of systemic disease. He believes that the relief of pain incident to varices, ulcers, and phlebitis, and of the infection present at least in ulcers may be of very definite value in the treatment of heart disease, hyperthyroidism, tuberculosis, and diabetes

He concludes that the results obtained in the cases reviewed suggest that the injection treatment of varicose veins may be safely employed even in the presence of conditions in which it was previously considered contra-indicated. No bedfast patient should be injected for varices. During pregnancy, the treatment of individual segments of varices that are large and painful is desirable and safe provided the use of oxytocic substances is avoided. Sodium morrhuate appears to be the solution of choice

HERBERT F THURSTON, M D

Bernabeo, V, and Novara, L.: The Results of Total Arterial Obstruction An Experimental Study (Sulle consequenze delle ostruziono arteriose totaliarie studio sperimentale) Arch ital di chir, 1935, 39 731

The possibility of permanently occluding the entire arterial system of a limb with a radiopaque substance which will not injure the vessel walls or other tissues opens the way for research on the effect of purely mechanical obliteration of arteries. In

this article, the first of a series, the authors report a study of the method and the results of such obstruction.

In nine dogs, ligation of the femoral artery was done after the injection of from 7 to 12 c. cm of a 20 60 per cent aqueous solution of barium sulphate In two dogs, the same procedure was followed by ligation of the femoral vein In the control dogs, simple ligation of the femoral artery at its origin was done

In the control dogs only n slight hypotonia of the leg resulted, and function was regained within a few days. In the cases of both groups of experimental dogs roentgenograms taken from one to two hours after the injection showed obstruction throughout the territory of the femoral artery. Microscopic examination demonstrated that the blocking was purely mechanical and not due to secondary thrombosis, and that it extended to the smallest branches Complete obstruction of the femoral artery and its branches was followed in two or three days by moist gangrene of the limb which was rapidly fatal. Occlusion of the artery with concomitant ligation of the femoral vein caused mummification of the leg which was compatible with long survival

The authors conclude that the gangrene is the direct and exclusive result of an arterial occlusion which prevents the establishment of a collateral circulation. It is initiated by local asphyxia and favored by the venous dilatation. There is a constant relationship between the extent of the obliteration and the possibility of the development of a collateral circulation. The time necessary for the development of gangrene is related also to the density of the barium suspension. When the suspension is thin, gangrene does not occur or appears very slowly.

Obstruction by an inert substance is the most satisfactory method of obliterating an arterial field. The next step is the study of the effect of sympathectomy following this procedure.

The article includes protocols of the experiments, roentgenograms, and photographs, and is followed by a bibliography M. E. Morse, M.D.

Mainzer, F., and Joel, W.: Periarteritis Nodosa as a Manifestation of Sepsis Lenta Due to the Streptococcus Viridans. (Periarteritis nodosa als Ausdruck einer Sepsis lenta—Streptococcus viridans) Acta med Scand, 1935, 85

In the case of periarteritis nodosa reported, the condition began after a severe throat infection, ran a mild course for three years, and then flared up and caused death after three months Streptococcus viridans was found in the throat smears during the initial pharyngitis, was cultured from the blood

duting life and was found in a biopsy specimen of a subcutaneous nodule. The disease involved the central nervous satem, peripheral acrees, heart, peripheral acteries kidneys pancreas liver and bowel. The chinical picture resembled that of endocarditislents.

On the basis of this case and the cases reported in the literature the authors conclude that per arternis nodosa is usually due to a streptococcus infection Leo M Zimmerman M D

Goldsmith G A and Brown G E Pain In Thrombo Angiltis Obliterans A Clinical Study of 100 Consecutive Cases im J II Sc 1935 180 Sto

The authors state that the symptom of thromboanguits obliterans which most frequently leads the patient to con ult a physician is pain. In 90 of 100 consecutive case pain was the initial symptom. In the study reported in this article the authors endeavored to ascertain and classify the types of pain and to determine their frequency and the mechanism by which they are produced.

The pain it occlusive vascular disease includes (s) that arising from the blood vessels themselves (s) that attributable to the ischemiz of tissue including the newes and (s) that attributable to infection Ean arising from the blood vessels may be caused by spasm attetching or inflammation, while pain attributable to the ischemia of tissues is probably

the result of mchemia of the nerves In the 100 con-ecutive cases of thrombo-angutt obliterans reviewed a major types of pain were noted (1) pain brought on by exercise such as that of inter mittent claudication and phiebitis and (1) pain occurring during rest. The pain occurring during rest was further classified as pretrophic and trophic (the latter resulting from ulcers or gangrene) that due to inflammation such as arteritie or phiebitis that due to acute occlusion with extensive ischemia that due to ischemic neuri is that due to vasospasm and that due to unclassified causes. The pain of claudication is apparently the result of some chemi cal substance formed during mu cular contraction when the blood supply is deticient. Intermittent claudication occurred in of of the authors too cases and marked the onset of the symptoms of the duease in 75 Ischema of the large nerve trunks causes true ischemic degenerative changes in the nerve fibers The pain of a chemic neuritie is fairly characteristic in that it occurs with rest and in the absence of trophic lesions and u ually follows the sudden closure of one of the larger arteries of the limb In ischemia there is no pain in the resting mu cle pain occurs only with exercise and is known

The differentiation of the types of pain in cases of occlusive disease of the blood vessels is of importance from the s andpoint of treatment. The relief of pain is a paramount problem. It is the advance ment of the recognition of the basis of pain treatment has become more effective. The use of the

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newer tassue extracts (Roth) employed in the treat ment of the pun of claudination has resided in uncreased range of activity and high perioritize of crase. More effective control and the perioritize from ulcers and garganes has been only pun residing from ulcers and garganes has been only pun residence from ulcers and garganes has been only pun timeresmo of the affected parts in mild non-been assolutions such as boric and the local use of aser thetics solutions the induction of feet by foreign proteins, and occasionally section of the sensory branches of the pepipheral nerve.

Sympathetic ganglionectomy has a definite field of usefulness in the prevention of recurring ukers but is not carried out for the relief of pain. The pain of phiebitis and artentis can frequently be controlled by roentgen therapy Control of the pain of ischemic neuritis is at present a major problem. As entirel effective treatment is known. However the milder forms are self limiting and can be controlled up h maid analgesic drugs or alcohol by mouth and trest ment with the rocatgen rays over the lumbar portion of the panal column in several cases of the severe forms of neuritis chordotomy has been perfumed. In conclusion the authors state that a deer ase in the incidence of amoutation in cases of thromboangutis o'diterans has been brought about largely by the effective treatment of nam

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Lios D. An Experimental Study of Carotid Subclavian Anastomoses (Study spenmentals salt anastomosi carotide ucclavia) Arch vol. 41 thr 1015, 30-70

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The procedure was entirely successful in mae of the ten animals. In one dog a septic thrombess occurred. There were no cerebral symptoms and no vascular or nervous disturbances in the limb. He only the anatomose healed normally.

These experiments demonstrate that carroid values analysis of members carried out in animals with good immediate and remote results. In man the chief indicate tons, for the operation are an octaining thrombus of the first part of the subclassing the occurval, which would of the first particular artery which are not easily repaired other international control of the artery with serous contemporaries of the control of the artery with serous contemporaries.

#### SURGICAL TECHNIOUR

#### OPERATIVE SURGERY AND TECHNIONS POSTOPERATIVE TREATMENT

Charbonnier A Getting the Patient Out of Bed Early After Abdominal Surgery (La meth de du lever précore en chirurgie abdomicable) Res med de la Suitte Rem 1935 D 402

The procedure discus ed was introduced into France by Challer who described it as a combination of methods but in operation by the surgeon before. during and after the surmral intervention to allow the patient to become ambulant after the second to fifth postoperative days and to obtain a more rapid as nell as a more certain recovery By 19.3 Choher s cases in which this procedure was followed had increased from 150 to 740 without major accidents The operations included appendectomies operations on the biliary tract and stomach and hysterectomies removal of fibroids and ovarian easts and other

Pynecological procedures Charbonner has used the method to his entire satisfaction after all types of abdominal operations since July 1991 In this article he directs attention to some of the more important points originally atressed by Chaber adds observations from his own expenence nummarizes his results and gives a brief history of each of his 112 tases He believes that 2 of his patients were not autable for the method One of them was suffering from purulent cholecysts tis with intestinal obstruction and the other from extreme cachenia due to mahanance. The former recovered after partial eventration and the latter died after a more complete eventration. In 8 cases there was pleural or pulmonary congestion of some degree but in all but I this developed soon after the operation before the patient had been allowed up Eight patients developed a stitch abscess bematoma or suppuration of the abdominal nound but there were no serious sequelæ from these complications

Attention is called to the fact that the incidence of phielitis and embolism is very low when the de scribed method is used. This is probably explained by the prevention of venous stasis

The patient must be hospitalized a full day be fore the operation. In the author's cases saline solution and glucose are given to improve nutrition or relieve thehy tration If possible exercises are given to increase pulmonary ventilation and hin prove the peripheral circulation. Patients subject to respiratory infection are treated with varcine. Careful attention is paid to asepsis herrostasis

and closure of the wound. After the operation saline solution and water are given in large quan tities. To combat shock the foot of the bed is raised on wooden blocks. The wound is dressed tightly and an abdominal binder then applied

On the first day after the one auon the attendant aids the patient in making pedalling movements with the legs. This exercise is preceded or followed by an alcohol rub The patient is encouraged also to raise himself by grasping a trapeze susperded above the bed and to take deep breathing exercises

On the second postoperative day the movements are increased and intestinal peristals as simulated by rectal lavage

On the third day the exercises include hanging the

legs over the edge of the bed and sem sold food is given At the visit of the surgeon on the fourth day if the condition of the abdomen the pulse and the tem perature are satisfactory the patient is carried to his chast and allowed to sit with his feel resting on the

floor for from one half to one hour On the fifth day he is allowed to nalk to the chair and to sit in it for two or three hours if his cordition

19 3311 Jactory On the sixth day he is permitted to walk about the

On the moth day walking up and down stars is begun

Between the twelfth and filteenth days the pa tient is permitted to return to his bome if he is the to be out of bed most of the time welking about or engated in light tasks

In cases in which there is extensive infection or drainage from the abdomen or vagina the patient is kept in bed for from fifteen to twenty days In cases of operation for hernia he is kept in bed until the twellth day because of the frability of the tissues

and the ease with which bematomas are formed. In cases of cardiac renal or hepatic deficiency those of prolonged postoperative shock and those with severe hemorrhage the described routine is

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Charbonnier believes that early ambilant trest ment as a step forward in surmeal treatment as it will be found beneficial in at least 50 per cent of cases in which an abdominal operation is performed For successful results at mu t be employed judiciously

and carried out carefully The article is followed by a bibliography All of the references except a are from the French hiera-

MARSH W LONE WD

Oggloni G The Induence of Surgical Traums on the Genesis of I ostoperative Pulmonary Com pileations il influen a del trauma chirurgica ne"a geness delle complications polmonari postopera tome) C'en chie 1935 ti 450

After briefly reviewing the hterature on the in cidence and pathogenesis of pulmonary complications following various types of surgery, the author

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reports experiments which he carried out on rubbits to answer the following questions

r What are the types of postoperative reactions

in the lung?

2 Are these reactions related directly to the character and magnitude of the surgical intervention

3 Do they predispose to subsequent broncho-

pulmonary complications?

Many operations of different types were performed, and after forty-eight hours the lungs were removed and studied histologically. The reactions were found to consist essentially of diffuse parenchymatous congestion, broncho-alveolar hypersecretion, and partial pulmonary collapse Thickening of the interal colar septa, whether due to capillary engorgement or to peri-alveolar muscular contractions, caused the lung to become completely ateleetatie in places There seemed to be a constant parallelism between the gravity of the operation and the intensity of the pulmonary reaction. The reactions appeared to be due to a simple reflex of a nervous or vasoniotor nature which was proportional to the stimulus. It was found also that the reactionary changes in the parenchymia of the lung definitely predisposed to later invasion of the changed area by bacteria already present in that area or circulating in the blood stream

A Louis Rosi, M D

Snyder, H. E.: Postoperative Pulmonary Atelectasis A Report of Eleven Cases. Ann Surg , 1935, 102. 5

The author reports that in 1,276 cases representing operations of all types the incidence of postoperative at leetasis was 0 86 per eent. In a period of three years it was possible to lower the incidence of this complication from 152 to 037 per cent. The incidence after abdominal operations was 159 per cent. The author reviews various theories as to the cause of the condition, describes the signs and symp-

toms, and reports in cases in detail

In discussing the prophylaxis of postoperative ateleetasis he says that the possibility of this complication should be borne in mind especially in the cases of patients who are poor risks. The condition develops as frequently after local and spinal anesthesia as after ether anesthesia. Before and after operation sedatives should be given in moderation During operation, pressure on the chest should be Ten per eent earbon dioxide should be administered during spinal anesthesia and for five minutes at the end of local or general anesthesia Following abdominal operations carbon dioxide and oxygen should be given 3 or 4 times daily for fortyeight hours The position of the patient should be changed every three or four hours after operation Deep breathing should be encouraged Dilatation of the stomach should be prevented by using the nasal tube at the first indication of gastrie distention

In the II reported cases the patient was rolled back and forth on the uninvolved side and percus-

sion applied over the involved lung Carbon dioxide and oxygen were used in conjunction with the postural method of treatment. When other methods fail, unduluted whiskey may be of value in stimulating cough and expectoration. Bronchoscopic aspiration of the obstructing mucous plug may also be considered.

The author believes that the procedure outlined by him for the prevention of postoperative atelectasis was responsible for the decrease in the incidence of this complication in his cases and should make postoperative pulmonary atelectasis a negligible factor in surgical morbidity and mortality.

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Frimann-Dahl, J.: Postoperative Roentgen Examinations. 2. Postoperative Pulmonary Emboli (Postoperative Roentgenuntersuchungen. 2 Postoperative Lungenembolien) .1cla chrurg Scand, 1935, 76 Supp 36

Roentgen studies were made in a series of fourteen eases of postoperative pulmonary emboli immediately after the first symptom and then at intervals of one or two days. The findings were positive in every case. Roentgen examination permits earlier diagnosis than clinical examination alone and yields valuable information regarding the course of the condition.

In mild cases with only slight hemoptysis the roentgen findings are transitory. They are probably due, not to true hemorrhagic infarets, but to areas of local reactive inflammation and hyperemia. Larger emboli produce changes of longer duration which may persist for several weeks. These are manifested in the roentgenograms by dense, characteristic triangular or circular shadows which are usually localized in the base of the lung with the apex toward the hilus. They frequently leave pleural adhesions and are often complicated by the formation of evudates.

Systematic postoperative roentgen examinations revealed no instances of pulmonary atelectasis or latent pulmonary embolism

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# ANTISEPTIC SURGERY; TREATMENT OF WOUNDS AND INFECTIONS

Harkins, H. N.: Experimental Burns. I. The Rate of Fluid Shift and Its Relation to the Onset of Shock in Severe Burns. Arch Surg., 1935, 31-71

A graphic method of recording the local accumulation of fluid in cases of burns is presented. This accumulation begins at the time of the burn and continues with decreasing rapidity until death Accompanying the collection of fluid there is an increase in the concentration of the blood as shown by an increase in the percentage of hemoglobin and the hematocrit readings. After most of the fluid has accumulated a fall in blood pressure sets in and continues rapidly until death occurs in a state of secondary shock

The findings of the author's experiments are in general agreement with those of workers who ad vanced the hypothesis that local loss of fluid from the blood vessels into the burned tissues is a factor in the production of shock and that the shock is secondary The described method of recording the accumulation of fluid shows that the method of producing burns which was used in the experiments caused a quite rapid accumulation In several experiments more than half of the ultrmate amount of fluid collected in an hour. The total amount of fluid shift was not so great as that reported by some observers but this may have been due to its rapid formation The concentration of the blood as shown by the increase in the percentage of hemoglobin and the hematocrat reading was roughly proportionate to the loss of fluid, but the blood pressure remained near normal until death approached and then fell randiv STANLEY I SEEGER M D

kunz II The Treatment of Traumatic Wounds and Their Sequeloo (Behandbung troumatischer Wunden und ihrer Folgezustannie) Bien med Behasche 1015 1 372

Of great importance in the treatment of traumatic wounds were the researches of Friedrich of Leinzig From experiments on animals carried out in 1808 Friedrich concluded that an infected wound can be rendered practically free from bacteria by thorough excusion of the wound edges in the first six hours and therefore after the excision can be closed in the same way as an asentic operative wound. This conclusion which at first was disputed as today gen erally accepted Recently Viagnus stated that primary excision of the wound within from six to eight hours followed by immediate sulure has be come a standard procedure in traumatic surgery However, the basic rule of Friedrich cannot be fol lowed indiscriminately since in some cases such for example as those in which wound excision cannot be done radically primary suture may be very dan

Surpeal treatment of the wound is always and cated in cases in which the clunical picture suggests an injury of deep organs or an opening of body cavities since only by such treatment is it possible to determine the presence of deep injuries demaitely to the group belong cases of julyiny to neries and tendons penetrating wounds of the skull thest and abdomen and injuries in the region of joining.

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Bith regard to the treatment of bullet wounds the author says that conservative treatment is suf heiest as a rule in cases of airple through and through wounds but in cases of targerial gundot wounds grenade and shrapnel wounds grunded injuries with a ragged entrance or eart wound and gundoof fractures surgical treatment is indicated.

As a rule wound excision possibly followed by permary suture can be carried out under local anexthesia However in cases of very extensive wounds and in the presence of shock general anesthesia may occasionally be necessary Treatment of the wound should be delayed until the nationt has recovered from the shock of the murry as much as possible Of chief importance in the after treatment is in mobilization of the injured part, especially in cases of joint injuries. With regard to the prophylactic injection of telanus antitorin there are no generally applicable rules. The danger of tetanus is greatest in cases of wounds contaminated with dist wounds sustained in accommend work and wounds onduced by wood splinters. Bite wounds burns and lessons resulting from freezing are also to be re-

garded as dangerous With regard to the measures which should be taken for the prevention of gas gangrene there is considerable difference of opinion. On the basis of the undings of experimental research and his own chinical expenence the author believes that gas gangrene prophylasis is of some value. So far as already established wound infection is conter et it must be admitted that no noteworth; advances have been made in revent times The ol 1 methodsincision and drainage-still prevail. All of the methods which promised to take the place of these simple surrical measures have failed to meet ex pertations. This applies to the passive congestion treatment as well as the use of the various anti septic solutions and the Besredka antivirus Oren treatment of the wound in conjunction with ron tinuous serigation is of some value as is also the of I water bed of Hebra Recently Locht a treatme t with cod liver oil salve with or without a plaster decessing has attracted attention in progeric gen eral infections the ovening of all discoverable foci of infection supplemented by as early as I mible it peated blood transfusions may be regarded as the most effective treatment. In the treatment of already developed tetanus energetic serum therapy auturation of the system with antitoxin is of great importance Of the symptomatic drugs avertin has proved of value In manifest gas gangrene very energetic surgical treatment with extensive and numerous sactsions extending anto normal tissue and possibly amputation should be given and supple

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Of 3 688 injuries occurring at the Rata factors in the period from November 28 1933 to July 16 1934 2 284 (619 per cent) involved the hand

a 4+ content of sugar acetone, and discette acad The hemoglobin content of the blood was as per cent Except for the local lesson the findings of physical examination were not significant. On the night buttock there was a large foul smelling olders tion extending from the upper margin of the sacrum down to the upper third of the thirh outward to the great trochanter of the femur, arward to the anal region forward slong the whole length of the interrluteal fold to the perineurs and upward into the right grown At the lower marpin of the lesson on the thigh and in the grein there was a strip of cantrepous skin famly adherent to the marena of hving skin and fairly sharply demarcated from the The lower margin of the scrotum on the right side was also un termined and the right margin of the scrotum was gangrenous

Emergency treatment to combat acidosis and hyperglycemia and to increase the body fluids and hemoglobin was administered. On the fourth day after the patient's admission complete excision of the lesson was done and the raw surface was dressed with zinc perovide. Twenty four hours later the foul odor had disappeared. Three days after the operation the pathological report of the biopsy established the presence of endameba histolytica in the tissues of the wound. The stools were then examined and tound to contain actively mobile A cour e of anti amebic treatment was green for two weeks. Three days after the institution of this treatment the stools became negative for amebas and thereafter remained negative wound granulated rap dly On the twenty first day half of the area was covered with Reverdin grafts The remaining area was covered from four to eleven days later. The patient left the hosps at fifty three days after the primary operation. Ten days later the wound was practically healed

The only organisms p esent were found in the sough beasth the gangerous skin. When the overgrowth of bacillus proteus had been destroyed by heat only a green aerobic steephoocean sort could be found. Pathological study of crused the same revealed essentially an invasion of the same transition of the same and fat by amedian A sharp line of demarcation was present between the tissues underground distingration and practically more approximately appr

Chinically and bacteriologically the condition is to be differentiated from other forms of chromic make toous gampene especially the sa-called progressive postoperative, principate, gampene and proposition postoperative, pressive gampene and the proposition of the cutaneous slout, have adherent all around the margin of the leon. The cis no undermining of the superior segret field of the control of the control of the concentrated. The state beyond the gampene arrais a reased certain of the control of the control of the consumment of the control of the contr

The lesson is excruciatingly tender. In the case reported in this article there was relainely little gaugrene of the skin and the line of demarcation was relatively smooth and sharply outlined, the maren of shin outside the gangrene was not raised, there was no red zone and the wound was not extremely The margin of the skin elsewhere was extens vely undermined and the granulating base of the ulcer was rough and shaggy with nerrous tissue adhering to it. Bacteriological study con firmed the differentiation since in the synergistic type of gangrene, the essential organism the mi ero aeronbilie non hemolytic streptococcis, may be found in pure culture in material from met outude the margin of the gangrene and is assurated with the ataphylococcus aureus in the gangrene

A bibliography is appended to the article
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#### ANESTHESIA

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Attempts to improve ether pareous by chemical means have been made for a long time. In tota Leake and Chen carried out comparative studies on various saturated and unsaturated ethers. They found divinyl ether the most promising. The su thor's experiments with a methyl ethyl ether the only gas forming other were unsuccessful The narcotic action of this substance was too slight Studies of ethyl chloride demonstrated that a houd with a boling point above zero but lower than the bo is temperature may induce narcosis like a true ga ecus narcotic Vinethen has a boiling point of 27 degrees C which explains its close relation to ga cous aarcoties. It is very difficult to prepare The substance has a double bon is in the molecule to very tabele and shows a tendency to disintegrate Fo the original solution ; 5 per cent alcohol to pre vent freezing of the narcosts apparatus and a s'abil seer are added The ether has an odor betneen that of ethylene and that of ethyl ether It is more vocatile than ethyl other has a specific gravity of 0 my and fit orestes readily on the addition of the stabili et Pharmacological saves agations carried out by Amer man investigators showed it to have a 5 to 7 times stronger effect than ordinary other but stadies of its toxicity carried out by Brandis have not confirmed this finding Both its narcotic effect and its toxicity approach the narrotic effect and toxicity of ethil ether Its anesthetic effect as compared with that of other is given by Americans as 1 2 5 In fact it shows no noteworthy difference experimen tally or chancally from ordinary other Cl meally there was an apparent madequacy due to the extremely rapid diffusion of the substance Expen mental tests for liver injury made on normal animals animals intoxicated with chloroform and fasting animals vere negative as were also numerous simi lar climical studies

## PHYSICOCHEMICAL METHODS IN SURGERY

#### ROENTGENDLOGY

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action of the liver and Spiene to Roentgen Irradiation After the Intrarenous Injection of Thorotrast (Comportement du foie et de la rate vis à vis des radiations de roentgen après introduc tion intraveneuse de thorotrast). A la redel, 1015 16 Ad.

In experiments on rabbits the authors injected colloidal thorium intravenously and then irradiated the hepatic and splenic regions with the roentgen rays. Of the control rabbits some were subjected only to the irradiation and other only to the injections.

The cells with thorum granules appeared much more quick; in the splene, followes an the animal irraduated with a dose of 2 boor (sample fractions inton) than in the non-irraduated controls. The passage of the horour parencies out of the extensionable thum into the lumph of the splene follower models that is not the passage of the horour parencies out the horour passage of the passage of the horour passage of the passage of the thorum particles was less strikine.

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Timmano M. The Blood Changes Occurring in the Course of Roenigen Therapy With Large Fractionated and Protracted Doses (Moduration emailogische nei corn od troenigenterapia secondo la tecnica delle alte doss frazionale e protratte) hadrol med 1035 23 359

From a study of the blood in twenty five cases in which Coutard's technique of roentgen irradiation was used Timpano concludes that this method causes more marked changes in the blood than other However the changes which occur methods chiefly in the leucocytes are only gransitory and restitution is usually well under wav before the course of treatment is finished. By the end of two months after termination of the treatment the leucocytes have reached their normal permanent values. As a rule however there as a shight len copenia. In all of the cases reviewed the clinical tolerance of the treatment was excellent. About half was through the course of treatment improvement in the condition was generally apparent. This seems to indicate that subsequent injury from the changes in the number and character of the leucocytes (particularly lymphopenia) is compensate for by the changes produced by the treatment at the site of the pathological process

Timpano believes that the changes observed are a good index of the result to be expected from the treatment, since in cases with a favorable progross restitution of the blood elements expecially the lymphocytes and the leucocytes in general is Promot and complete. Figure 1. Figure 1. Thorn MD.

Teneff S and Stoppant F. The Effect of Irradia tion on the Lymph Glands and the Lymphatic Circulation (Limburas delle irridanem tolic hafoghandele e sulla circolariane liniates). Pairi med. 104 22 768.

The authors report experiments on dors and sunes press in which they studied the effects of toestigen icradiation on the lymph slands and Jupphatic critication paving special attention to the effect on the returnle endothed at cells the changers of the control of the studies of the studies of the properties of the pr

It was found that a wall does brought about an increase in the pyment storing function of the retuculo-endothelial cells of the lymphait glads moderate does decreased this function considerably and large doves not only abolished it completely but cattrely destroyed the cells Small does d d go have any effect on the lymphatic cells and folicies but as the doos were uncreased the cells and folicies about distinct signs of injury until finally they we destroyed. The glands revaised normal control of the cells and folicies to the lymphatic circulations and the cells and the cells and the cells of the cells and folicies have destroyed. The glands revaised normal wall made and control of the cells of the lymphatic circulations and control of the cells of the lymphatic circulations.

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Experiments carried out by the author on animals showed that combined heat and roentgen threapy had an especially favorable effect on implanted tumors which was decludedly more favorable than the effect obtained by heat treatment or rocatigen

#### MISCELLANEOUS

CLINICAL ENTITIES—GENERAL PHYSIO LOGICAL CONDITIONS

Fitchet S M The Etiology of Congenital and Hereditary Deformities New Ingland J Med 1935 213 164

The author reviews the work of the principal investigators in the field of greeties from the time of Mendel (18 1854) to date citing facts which suggest a physiological basis for congenital deformities. Mendel demonstrated that inherited character

who are determined by greate units the chromosomes Morgan advanced the concept of the price as the greate unit Fainter demonstrated cross bandings on the chromosome which were shown by Bridges to be edges or solid disks extending clear through the chromo-one. These of als are substrated unto wrall partners and even sample mole chromosome uniteral with a chameter as smell as stateen mallioriths of an inch there is room for several genes.

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Berendes J. Granuloma Gangraenestena (Granu loma gangraenestena). Macashen n of H has hr 1934 2 2003

The author reports the case of a man thury-one years old who complained of slight pains in the region of the left eve and left frontal grea and a marked distributed for the left evel of the more. The state months often of the left evel of the more than the months often of the left evel of greatering and faster had been transformed into elematous transformed to referrations from the state of the left evel of the

tient died of meningitis. Autopsy revealed an ex-

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Montgomery II The Histogenesis of Basal Cell Epithelioma Radiol by 1011 21 8

Montgomery states that benign forms of basis ell epithelonis esperially epithelonis defended cysticum and calindroma may sense from multiple potats of origin from the basis cells of the operations and the basis cells forming the outer statesth of the basis follows bestevers skind, and sweat dout. At times they originate from the basis cells of the operation of the basis follows the operation of the basis follows the material cells are the bulb without evidence of participation of the basis feels of the epitherms.

Verrices souths may be designated as benign pig mented beast cell epitheliomas (benign melanoepithelis mas) but the author believes they are more properly called lelaved epithelial new and that nevus pigmentosus should be classified as a nevus cather than as a benign epithelial neoplasm

Transitions between beingn and malignant bank cell epithelioms and learnes of multiple types in the same individual pastity the u of the term pricelluma" to include both types of levons. This preferable to limiting the term epithelioms "oben,gn reoplasms and the term carunous to multipastin peoplasms and the term.

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In our instance audignant basis cell epsthelarist. Basabellut-live be kompeterly which are mod common in cectain locations on the face organism that make the control of the control basis cells of the outer root shorth of the bar foliace. Occasionally they may represent empore creats that are independent of the epiderma and dermal approadlages but the author behaves that in the great majority of cases they show single multiple points of orgin from the basis cell of

the epidermis. In their growth those of the latter type may simulate imperfectly formed or embryonic har follicles or sebactous glands, but strind sections show no evidence of a relationship of these tumors to the mature forms of schuceous glands and har follicles seen at hip y on the same specimen solver stains are of no value in distinguishing a basil-cell epith choica from an epithelioma originating in a hor matrix, and the presence of melania does not imbeste the origin of the basil-cell growth

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cell enthelionis

The early development of bood cell epitheliums from multicentric and independent points of origin from the half cells of the epidermia is best seen in tases of superficial eighthelium tools. The presence of mature hair follicle, so cot glands, and schaecous glands without evidence of transitional forms speal against a hair-follicle origin of these tumors.

Basal cell epithelomas constitute to per cent or tewer of the epithelomas resulting from semile kerstoses and kerstoses crossed by ariente, tar, and rad otherapy, and fewer than a per cent of all epitheliomas due to beratoses from these causes. The great majority of epithelomas resulting from

keratoses are of the equamous cell type

Before deciding that a given based cell epithehom i has its origin from the epidermis or dermal appendages it is necessary to demonstrate this origin by serial section and various reconstruction methods. In regard to arsenie as an etiological factor, the author states that the presence of arsenical keratoses or pigmentation does not prove that a basal cell epithehoma was caused by arsenie. If arsenie was responsible, more of it will be found in the epithehoma than in the normal adjacent epidermis.

## Earle, W. R.: A Study of the Walker Rat Mammary Carcinoma 256, in Vno and in Vitro 1r J Career, 1935, 24 560

Data are presented concerning the early history and structure of the Walker rat tumor No 256 They show that the tumor arose as a mammary careinoma of typical adenomatous structure and that while this adenomatous structure recurred for a time it apparently disappeared entirely on continued subculture

The cellular structure of the tumor is discussed. In a study of sections of fixed tissues from the tumor, the stock tumor strain as carried in the laboratory appeared free from signs of sarcomatous elements although there was some slight variation in its stroma elements from generation to generation. This was evidenced also by the growth characteristics of the tumor in tissue culture.

Subcutaneous inoculations of the tumor were encapsulated, but, particularly in the case of larger

tumors, the capsule was often incomplete. Intramuscular injections of the tumor appeared to grow better and presented little or no signs of capsule formation. They showed rapid general invasion of surrounding tissues. Some metastases to retroperitoneal nodes and the lungs were observed.

The behavior of the tumor tissue in short-term tissue cultures was studied in a number of different culture media. The latter included saline solution, rat serum, chiel, embryo juice, egg white, and horse serum. In saline selution and in egg white the growth was very poor, and in chiek-embryo juice and rat serum it was not satisfactory. The best results were obtained from cultures in horse serum. Cultures in egg white, chiel embryo juice, and rat serum showed much liquefaction of the clot, while those in horse serum showed little or none. The cell types and changes observed in the cultures are described.

Longer-term cultures were studied in horse serum. For these it was found accessary to supplement the horse serum with chick-embryo juice. In this combined culture medium the cells of the tumor were successfully enlipsated for three hundred and seventy-two days. After one hundred and seventy-five days the cultures were apparently pure cultures of tumor epithelium. The growth characteristics of the cells are described. These cultures showed

practically no liquefaction of the clot. As a control on these cells, cultures of rat fibroblists from the subcutaneous connective tissue of an adult rat were grown in the same meilium. These cultures showed the most satisfactory growth obtained from fibroblasts in any culture medium as regards character and density of growth, freedom from liquefaction of the clot, and the infrequency with which it was necessary to transfer the culture

to fresh elot.

Tissue cultures of the tumor were periodically re-inoculated into rats. Cultures grown in iltro up to one hundred and thirty-three days gave rise to tumors with a structure typical of the prient tumor. However, after one hundred and seventy-five days, when the cultures inoculated were almost or entirely pure cultures of epithelial cells, a number of the tumors produced showed a strikingly different structure resembling that of fibrosarcoma. This change in structure was due appriently to elongation of the epithelial cells of the tumor. When tumors from this substrain were carried through 6 generations of rat inoculations the sarcomatoid structure was still evident in the sixth generation.

Samuel Kahn, M D

Caspari, W.: The Defense Reactions of the Body to the Development of Cancer and Their Importance in the Healing Process (Ueber die Abwehrmassnahmen des Organismus gegen die Lintstehung der Krebskrankheit und ihre Redeutung fuer den Heitungsvorgang) Wiss Woche Irankfurt a M, 1935, 2 22

Although Sachs and Hirszfeld discovered specific antibodies against certain cancer cells and Lumsden

demonstrated the development of a specific cancer antibody in pairine, homologous immunication the defense of the organism is essentially of a non specific character. This fact permits conclusions also reparating the nature of the carcinamatous process it elf.

The defense reactions of the body are dependent upon the reticulo endothelial system. This system was designated by Volterra as the "resemble-bistiocytic system and by others has been characterized active mesenchyme The activity of the reticulo-endotnehal system is stimulated by the product of broken down or breaking down cells This product is called by Freund the cell degenera tion hormone and by Caepari the necrohormone Its effect depends upon its quantity in accordance with the Arndt Schulz law small doses stimulate. larger doses paralyze still larger doses Lill May gan a demonstrated that the manner of action of the necrohormone in cancer is not specific but follows a general biological law. The regulation of the function of defense by the substance which he designates as authomones he calls auto regu For the processes in cancer it is necessary to supplement the Arndt Schul, law by the state ment that continued attribution by small doses eventually lead, to paralysis of the effectuating mechanism and paralyzing doses may be followed by over compensative stimulation Lot example the continued invation of the blood by necro hormone even in small amounts may sumulate the delense mechanism to the point where its power to react becomes paralyzed I nder such circumstances treatment with small stimulating doses will fail and there remains no other no-sibility than treatment of the reticulo endothelial system with huge paraly, ing doses with the object of producing an over compensating stimulation. In this process the so called specific components of the non-scenific process also play a role Caspan believes that the necrobor mones may differ in their effects according to the tissues from which they are derived. He states that one of the first to carry out important research on this problem was Tournovic

Caspari has demon trated experimentally that resistance to the growth of a mahanant turror is in creased best by the necrobormone of the tumor itself or that of the tissues of the reticulo-enclothelial system At operation on a cancer complete radical removal can be counted upon only in the earliest stages Even in only moderately advanced cases cancer cells nearly always remain comewhere in the body as Heiderham Schmidt and others have demon strated and these continue to multiply as long as the disposition to the development of cancer per sists. This disposition also seems to have its roots in the reticulo-endothehal system. It is therefore very important to stimulate the reticulo-endo thehal system after operation. This may be done by postoperative irradiation Without doubt the stimulat se effect of such treatment is due not only to destruction of the tumor cells left behind but also

to destruction of cells of the lympho d system with the resulting liberation of specific ver obormone Accordingly similar effects may be obtained from arradiation or ligation of the spleen. It is better to liberate small quantities of necrohormone by repeated small doses of irradiation over a long period of time than a larger amount which is effective for only a short period by a single stronger irradiation In experiments on animals Calo found that in mice general treadiation with 30 r had an immunition effect. The resistance of the organism in the post operative period may be increased also by diet F xneriments along this line have been carried out by Halberstaedter and Freund De Gaetani has shown that merely a change of thet has an inhibiting effect on the transplanted executors of the more 4s segards the dose of roentern praduation animal ex permentation has shown that under some conditions large doses destroy only a part of the tumor and starrulate other parts to increased growth. This was noted also by Prime and Wood in studies of tissue cultures. Cald found that in certain concentrations necrohormone stimulates normal embiyomic rells to growth while it kills the much more sensitive sarcoma cells. An interesting example of the actio of necrohormone was observed in the studies of Blumenthal By the injection of weakly radioactive saits anto anoperable tumors Blument'si was frequently able to destroy the tumor completely but the patient died of the excess formation of neckhormone The action of the salts of heavy metals studied by Neuberg Locke and the author a d later by Blair Bell may have been due to the libers tion of necrohormone as the result of severe protoplasmic poisoning. The action of the destale which have been recommended frequently in re ent years is askithed by the author to a hypercompensa tory stanulation can ad by filmy up and choking of of a large number of the reticulum cells. Of uniter significance were the findings of Theilhaber's es periments in which aplenic and thymic tissue of animals transplanted to patients suffering from tad cer underwent necrotic degeneration and the results

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Animal tumors pethans present the best examples of carcinosarcomas. These are found not only in the transplanted maximary tumors of the mouse but also apparently in skin tumors of the same animal produced by tar painting.

The tumors which are described as misleading may be carcinomatous with a sarcoma-like or an endothelioma-like appearance (carcinoma sarcomatoides) or sarcomatous with a careinoma-like appearance (sarcoma carcinomatoides) Such neoplasms are suggestive of double tumors

After discussing carcinosarcoma, reporting six cases of their own, citing a number of similar conditions, and reviewing in some detail the opinions expressed by others, the authors draw the following

conclusions.

There is a double tumor which is a mixture of carcinoma and sarcoma and may be called a "carcinosarcoma."

2 The sarcomatous element develops after the carcinoma

3 The sarcomatous development is probably an evaggeration of the stroma reaction to invasion by the carcinoma

4 There are tumors both of an epidermic and a glandular carcinoma type which may show, in part, aggregations of spindle-shaped epithelial cells resembling sarcoma and may be called "spurious carcinosarcoma" or "carcinoma sarcomatoides"

5 Not uncommon in primary and secondary carcinoma is a fibroblastic reaction which may be very active without being malignant. This may pass over to malignancy and form a carcinosarcoma. It is this transformation of stroma which may occur in the case of some carcinomas and is to be distinguished from granulation tissue and spindle-cell carcinoma. The possibility of a predisposition to overgrowth of stroma is to be considered

6 The accidental occurrence and ultimate conjunction of two entirely separate tumors, the so-called "collision tumor," has no relation to the neoplasms under discussion Joseph K NARAT, M D

Hamilton, C. L., and Rothstein, E.: Air Embolism. J Am. M Ass., 1035, 104 2226

Air embolism is a rather infrequent complication of various surgical procedures in which air is permitted to enter the venous system. Cases of air embolism may be divided into 2 large groups—one in which the air gains entry to the peripheral venous system and the other in which it enters the pulmonary venous circuit.

Air embolism resulting from the entrance of air into the peripheral circuit has occurred in practically

every field of surgery

The intravenous injection of small amounts of air during transfusions and other intravenous infusions has been repeatedly observed to be harmless. Air embolism occurs when large amounts of air are allowed to enter a vein. The requirements for such an occurrence are met when (1) a vessel is only partly severed and is therefore prevented from collapsing or, having been completely severed, is prevented from collapsing and retracting by the firmness of the surrounding tissues, and (2) the venous pressure is negative or the air pressure is positive. Probably the most frequent site of origin

of air embolism is the region of the great veins of the neck following thyroid and other operations. When a vein is cut the first sign of the entrance of air is usually a hissing sound in the wound. The sequelæ, which depend upon the amount of air aspirated, include dyspnea, cyanosis, coma, cardiac arrhythmia, apnea, and death. A nurmur over the heart due to churning about of the air has been described

Air embolism has been known to occur following wounds of the neck, irrigation of the maxillary sinuses; manipulation of the intracranial venous sinuses; fractures of the long bones, especially the tibiæ; manipulation of the pregnant and puerperal uterus; and the injection of air into the urethra,

bladder, or peritoneal cavity.

In most of the reported cases of air embolism resulting from the entrance of air into the pulmonary venous circuit the condition followed artificial pneumothorax. Other eauses are injury to the chest wall and lung, pleural lavage in empyema, and the escape of air from solution in the blood in caisson disease.

Air embolism occurs in about 1 of every 500 to 1,000 pneumothoral treatments. The perforated vessel through which the air enters may be in the lung or a vascular adhesion. Rivière says that such vessels may enlarge to almost angiomatous dimensions.

In cases in which air embolism occurs in association with artificial pneumothorax the lung usually appears more or less fibrotic and the pleura is, and feels, thickened when perforated. To this group belong cases in which pneumothorax was once induced and then abandoned and cases in which the lung has been gradually re-expanding because of an obliterative pleurisy in spite of continued pneumothorax treatments

As a warning sign the patient may cough up a small amount of blood or blood may well up through the needle or may be found on the tip of a stylet introduced to determine the cause of the absence of The initial symptoms vary proper fluctuations from slight to severe Often the patient complains first of local pain, severe coughing, or feeling "queer." The first sign may be pallor or dizziness This may be followed by coma and sudden death, a neurological lesion, or mental confusion jectively the first sign is often pallor which is commonly followed by intense cyanosis In severe cases bradycardia, loss of consciousness, convulsive twitching, cardiac irregularities, apnea or respiratory difficulty, urinary and fecal incontinence, and vomiting may occur Focal neurological signs may appear at once or after a number of minutes Any part of the brain may be involved. The most common of the easily recognized syndromes is hemiplegia

The author reports illustrative cases of both types of air embolism. He states that the symptoms of air embolism in the peripheral vascular system are due to the presence of air in the right side of the heart. In air embolism in the pulmonary system the

symptoms are in the cerebral vessels. While as much as 140 c.cm of air has been injected into the peripheral system without causing death the presence of I com in the nulmanary system may be fatal

In the induction of pneumotherax the following precautions should be taken to prevent air em holism

Unless on fluoros opic examination or in a recent roentgenogram the lung is seen to be well away from the chest wall, the injection of air should be delayed until free characteristic intraplesial oscillations can be obtained

2. Great care should be taken in the initial in section and in cases in which difficulty has been ex

perienced previously

3 A blunt needle should be used

A For at least the first to c cm readings should be taken every 5 to 10 cem to preclude the possi bility of penetration of the lung by the tip of the peedle

When the needle has once been introduced into the pleural space it should be held firmly to prevent its dislodgment. On the slightest untoward movement or sign on the part of the patient the needle should be withdrawn

6 If a free space is not found at once the sutgeon. should be especially on guard for the development of air embolism. Epinephrine should be near at band

The first treatments should be given or at least appervised by one who has had considerable experience with artificial pneumothorax therapy TORY I MALOVEY M D

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da This forty page review includes Cushing a classi fication of variations of p tuitary secretion a review of the history of acromegaly a description of the clinical features and bone changes of the condition a discussion of the pathology of the bone changes and of the etiology and pathogenesis of the condition in the light of present knowledge, and a review of the treatment under the headings of irradiation, surred interference, and glandular therapy WALTER H NADLER M D

Leriche R Jung A and Sureyra C. The Skin in Experimental Hyperparathyroidism Study of Experimental Scieroderma (La prau dans I hyperparathyroidisme expérimental Ltude de la sciérodermie experimentale) Presse med Par. 1035 43 777

Since 1020 several investigators have studied the relation of the parathyroids to scleroderma. The authors first undertool experiments on pigs beca se the skin of these animal so closely resembles that of man in its structure. Injections of parathormone in young pigs produced only a slight indurated plaque with some loss of hair at the site of the sice tion Ifistological examination of this plaque showed edematous infiltration. As the quantity of para thormone employed was not sufficient in relation to the size of the animal to produce definite effects and as it was impossible to u e larger amounts, smaller laboratory animals (rats) were employed for further experiments

Six series of young rats were used. Some of the animals in each series were given imections of para thormone and others kept as controls. In the cases of all the animals given parathormone the ship showed three successive changes first thickening (infiltration) then induration and finally loss of have Histolog cally, the first change was infiltra tion of the derma the second calcium infiltration and destruction of the derma and the third proble ation of the connective tissue of the derma with thinning of the epidermia These lesions closely resemble those of scienulerms in rian In the early atages the water content of the skin was definitely in excess of that of the normal controls The calcum content of the slin was also two or three times that of the normal skin although in this early phase no calcium infiltration could be demonstrated butologically Later the chemical analysis and the

histological demonstration of calcium agreed These experimental findings support the theory that scleroderma is due to hyperfunction of the AUCE M METERS.

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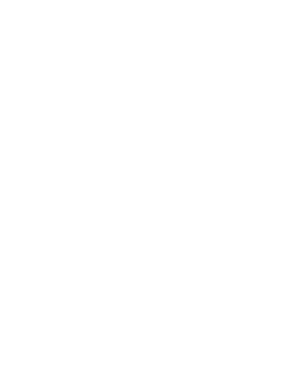
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# COLLECTIVE REVIEW

# PRESENT-DAY VIEWS ON EMBOLISM

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THE recent literature on embolism (1932-35) has dealt chiefly with three varieties of the condition: the peripheral, the central or pulmonary, and the gas or air variety<sup>1</sup>

It would seem that the authors of the papers pertaining to the first two varieties have interested themselves along one or another of the following lines

I Pathology

- II Physiology Efforts have been made to determine the relationship and the factors predisposing to it, if any, between emboli and
  - A Bloodclotting (the effects of certain foods, duets, and intravenously administered drugs)

B Blood groupings

C General diseases such as lues and cancer

D Barometric changes

- III Clinical aspects, with emphasis on the difficulties of early and correct diagnosis IV Treatment
  - A Surgical, chiefly discussions of technique and adaptations of standard methods

B Pharmacological

- The use and comparative efficacy of various vasodilators
- 2 The use of various anticoagulants in connection with surgical procedures or as a prophylactic measure
- C Mechanical, the employment of the so-called "passive exercises"

<sup>1</sup>This last group, together with the cerebral emboli, have been omitted from this discussion

V Case reports

A Unusual cases

B Cases which illustrate the rationale of one of the therapeutic procedures mentioned

It should be of course realized that the majority of the essayists have frequently dealt with more than one aspect of the problem. On account of limitations of space, reports will be summarized in this review only briefly and only those presenting something out of the ordinary or phrasing some already known fact particularly well and succinctly will be cited. The omission of some is necessary because, as Feller says, "Die Zahl der Arbeiten ist ausserordentlich gross!"

## PATHOLOGY

General discussion In two excellent papers, Belt (8, 9) emphasizes that while pulmonary embolism is generally considered a rather rare clinical syndrome, it is a common finding at the autopsy table when a search is made for it At the Toronto General Hospital it was found in about 10 per cent of the cases of adults which came to autopsy, or 56 of a series of 567 cases relation of medical cases to surgical cases was The Toronto pathologist emphasizes that the postmortem examination should be carefully done according to the following technique: First, a careful examination of the organs in situ should be made Then, before anything is removed, the right ventricle and the pulmonary arteries should be opened and any bloody fluid present should be carefully sponged away The right ventricle and the pulmonary arteries are

common sites of emboli. After removal of the great vessel, at the base, the pencardium should be cleaned and the mouths of both pulmonary arteries examined for clot. When the lungs are removed they should be cut along the vertebral border with a long I mile and then sht in the direction of the hijus with an incision long enough to expose the main stem of the pulmonary artery The right side of the heart should be carefully observed as occasionally a cylindrical embolus will be found tangled up in the chorde tending Care should always be taken to determine whether the clot found was formed before or after death This determination is based on the appearance An antemortem coagulation tends to be 'firmer, less elastic dry, brittle, and rough, and if adher ent to the hing of the vessel or if it be of a fnable consistency there can be no doubt as to the antemortem origin Frequently there will be seen also a laminated structure made up of grav layers in termingled with red. The so called hines of Zahn which are found in an antemortem clot shoul I be looked for and recognized Microscopically a postmortem clot is made up chiefly of red and white cells held together and matted in with fibrin The antemortem variety shons a large number of platelets and of course, occasional fibroblasts However even after a clot is found in the pul monary artery, it is frequently difficult to decide whether it was formed at that site (a clot of the so called autochthogous variety) or was carried there from a distant part of the body. Belt says that a thrombus formed in the pulmonary arters will start a. a mural plaque like clot with sessile hase and shelving margins firmly adherent to the intima and that it always conforms to the size and shape of the vessel, while a thrombus carried to the pulmonary artery from a distant part of the body may assume a variety of shapes. The latter to likely to present small attached twig like projections similar in size and position to the small tributaries from which it arose In addition it may have a ragged end which shows that it was broken off and carried from another part of the body

These papers stress also the frequent finding of unexpected and clinically unrecognized through in the leg and pelvic venus but admit that throm bosis in the firmer region is difficult to dismostrate at the autopix table because permis un is almost never given for dissections of the exteen ties. The Camadadrian leg vents of patients in the control of the control o

cingestion a present. In this connection it should be emphasized that the phenomenon of pulmon ary embod is not a single event or a process taking place at any one time but a recurrent adia, r, and that, as a rule minute embod are thrown off before the 'shower which over comes the pattern Furthermore at the Toronto General Hoopital' a 'high correlation between credulators faulture and pulmonary embolism' was noted and it is believed that the showing of the blood steam is "the most important facility in predisposing to the development of the dangerous type of thromby within the views'

Davies (25) has also written an article along

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The same general lines from experiments on dogs. Hall and Ettinger (40) concluded that the throay that death in put monary embols in 1. due to reflect effects is not tenable. They decided from their laboratory now boo that the clamping of a main board of the pulmonary artery in the clamping of a main board of the pressure it thous causing reflex inhibition of the pressure it thous causing reflex inhibition of the pressure it thous causing reflex inhibition of the clamping that the many pulmonary aftery may be continued to the continued to the continued of the continued to the c

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removed the vasomotor phenomena rease Albert (z) reports his attempts to determire the exact mechanism of the active vasodilation which follows the otheration of a major artery. He concludes that the vasorrotor response does not depend upon the cerebrospinal or long reflex nerves but is due to physiochemical modifications of the composition of the blood and the interstitial bound, of the affected parts. He believes that specific substances are produced or are acrum ulated in the periphery of the extremity as a result of such a metabolic discurbance and that these substance act directly upon the walls of the mall arteries and the capillaries. When the ultra plirate of blood obta ned from an extremity showing a marked peript eral va.omotor disturbance was in jected into an animal a marked peripheral vasodilation immediately tollowed. Alburt thinks that

the specific substances vary with the different forms of vascular disturbances

Experimental findings Rimini (83) claims that injury of the vessel itself is the cause of emboli and thrombi, and that these phenomena are not dependent merely on stagnation. This conclusion he has apparently verified in animal experiments

#### PHYSIOLOGY

Predisposition to clotling. Most investigators seem to feel that the basic methods for determining clotting reactions are fairly reliable, but Macies de Torrés (64) maintains that the methods of measuring coagulation are of no value in determining the chance of thrombophlebitis. Nevertheless, Bancroft and Stanley-Brown (7), who use standard procedures, suggest that foods rich in nucleoproteins may increase, and foods low in fat and protein may decrease, coagulability. (Considerable work on the relation of diet to the formation of thrombi was done prior to 1932, but is not considered in this review.)

Neuda (67) believes that there is a definite predisposition to thrombi in individuals who have lues or carcinoma

Blood platelets. Brock (13), in summarizing the views on blood platelets and clotting, suggests that an increase in the number of the platelets may be a contributory, though not the sole, cause of thrombus formation

Blood groups. Hess (47), working in a Zurich Hospital, found the blood groups of 49 patients with thrombo-emboli to be as follows.

Blood group*	No Ca	ses———————————————————————————————————	Trequency of blood- grouping of Swiss people (according to Breitner)
I	3	6	426
11	30	61	43 I
$\widetilde{m}$	4	8	88
IV	12	24	5 5
*Presumably J	ansky		

Weather and atmospheric pressure. In a report of his efforts to determine whether there is any definite relation between the weather and the formation of emboli, Scheidter (90) stated that he was unable to prove such relation. On the other hand, Feller (32), from an analysis of lung emboli occurring in the twenty-five-year period from 1909 to 1934, concluded that the incidence of emboli is influenced by atmospheric pressure changes. In addition, his compilations showed that the embolism was most frequent in October, March, and April, that in 8 9 per cent of the cases it developed within the first ten days after operation, and that in the greatest number of cases it occurred at noon

From data collected from the various clinics of North America and Europe for the period from 1910 to 1930, Rosenthal (87) concludes that there has been a general increase in the incidence of embolism which began in 1919 and became universal by 1922. The rise has been more rapid in persons with surgical conditions than in those with medical conditions

Eppinger's article (29) should be read by anyone desiring a fairly complete review of the standard physiological hypotheses regarding the changes in: (a) the blood stream, (b) the formed elements of the blood, (c) the blood plasma, and (d) injury to the vessel walls

#### CLINICAL DIFFICULTIES

Pulmonary embolism. The differential diagnosis between thrombosis of the coronary artery and pulmonary embolism has long presented a difficulty to the clinician, and the fact that in many cases the two diseases often exist simultaneously adds tremendously to the troubles of the too often perplexed physician In two of six cases of fatal embolism reported by Averbuck (4), an already existing arterial condition had been demonstrated by the history, chnical observations, and laboratory data at the time the patient was stricken with the fatal seizure. In the four others there was no past record of disease of the coronary artery, but death was attributed to such disease until autopsy established the fact that it was due to pulmonary emboli Another point stressed by Averbuck is that when a clinical picture suggesting thrombosis of the coronary artery occurs in a female without arterial hypertension or diabetes, a pulmonary embolus should always be suspected White (101) says that he and the Massachusetts General Hospital staff frequently have the greatest difficulty in differentiating between these two conditions In both syndromes the fall in the blood pressure, the coldness of the extremities. and the weakness and general prostration of the patient are remarkably similar In agreement with numerous other clinicians and surgeons, White believes that embolism should be suspected in any case in which the syndrome develops within two weeksafter an operative procedure Capdevila (17) warns against confusing embolism with internal hemorrhage Badgley and Smith (5) state that fat embolism, which occasionally follows bone surgery and must be differentiated from pulmonary embolism, will often clear up and recur several times In this condition there are generally more cerebral findings than in pulmonary embolism and fat globules are often found in the urine and sputum

Peripheral embolism Scott (92) comments on the early symptoms in the peripheral vessels and emphasizes the importance of differentiating them from those of vasomotor reflexes, Raynaud's disease and other similar conditions.

#### TREATME.

#### Surgical Treatment

There are at present two schools of thought with regard to the treatment of emboli of either the peripheral or the pulmonary variety. The first favors immediate action with surgical inter ference the second, temporizing and supportine methods. The last group, with almost an oriental fatalism, argues that if a patient to going to re cover (especially the patient with embolism of the central type), he will do so without operative intervention. There are many who believe that the general surgeon is not sufficiently experienced to perform a Trandelenburg or a Myer operation without disastrous results and that a clot caused by trauma to the intimal wall will almost mey; tably follow an embolectomy Consequently they argue, the patient subjected to embolectomy is in a worse condition or at best, no better off than he was prior to the operation. Furthermore it is stated that the majority of the patients treated surgically will have recurrent emboli because of the nature of their primary illness and that the recurrent embols will soon lodge in another extrem ity or a vital organ. In short a watchful waiting policy the conservatives declare as far better than surgery A middle group compromises with the use of antispasmodics and the more recent massive vascular exercise theraps

Another important point to be considered is the legal angle (White toi) In many states and countries it is necessary to secure formal per mission for operation from the farmly of the py mission for operation from the farmly of the py mission for operation from the farmly of the py mission for operation from the farmly of the py mission for operation from the farmly of the py mission for operation from the farmly of the py mission and much valuable time may be lost in getting in fouth with the relatives. If the surgeon proceeds without the concent of the relatives, he and the institution with which he is associated may be held responsible for death following the operation

Yance (65) calls attention to the importance of the embol which may give rice to interesting medicologal tangles especially in accident cases. In cases of such embols there is always justification for a difference of opinion regarding the part played by the trauma. In many cases it certainly would be difficult to prove or disprove the preence of an underlying thrombus or to determine its relationship, if any, to errois sinjury. PULNOVERY EMBOLISM Technical aspects. For reviews of the technique of the two standard procedures of Trendelenburg and Myers the reader is referred to the recent monographs of Capdevia (17), White (101) Cutler (20) and Giswold (20).

Folk (14) believes that, in general, too little attention is paid for the respiration in pulmonate embolism, and that the air crehang should be immediately helped with artificial oxyger. He recommends that hear transage be die when necessary, although he believes that even it is mediate recovery should follow this procedure at operation the myocardium mas be permanently damaged by such treatment.

Nystrom (66) suggests that the injection of Saturaled oxygen blood into the soria ox the left heart chamber might be of value. The venous blood could be taken out of the right side of the heart and after saturation with O<sub>T</sub> put back into the circulation. If this were done the pulmerum vessels might be clamped a trial, longer and the few errar moments might be sufficient to prevent death.

Buné (16) recommends highly an apparatus devised by Rehn for use in the Trendelenburg operation. He states that it causes relatively bittle stoppage of blood in the aorta and pulmonar, at teries and therefore reduces the danger of sever damage to the brain and heart from antima

camage to the brain and neart from anema Spinal anesthesia is not followed by more complications than is ether but on the contrary is probably followed by less

Legation of the reins in thrombosis of the lower leg Ilomans (50) recommends this old procedure to present pulmonary emboli

Lerches Mahorner and Ocherer (65) claim that the use of leeches in cases of phlebins will def mitely reduce the incidence of pulmonary emboli formore terms. Recent articles on the possibil

ity of embolium following the injection of var coerciens have been published by Bsteh and Tach mann (15) Remenovsky (82), and Vigy 520 (07)

regimiteral randoms. Technical optical forecessis for an early operation or immediar pharmacological therapy is emphasized by all writers on embolism as the incidence of even life proparty success full results shows an anatocy of crease after eight or ten hours. While this deep can be due to everal causes the critical of a jutious torus and the formation of containing microscoping progressively, growing thromba at the point of alestruction with plugging up of the of altered circulation are certainfy factors of considerable importance. To dimunch the charce of thrombots and perspheral discommission of peet.

operative thrombi, Neuhof (68) advocates "broad approximation of the arterial intima with result-

ant narrowing of the lumen."

Most surgeons—Erdmann (30), Hunt (53), and Sileo (93), to mention only three—stress the importance of gentleness in the handling of tissues and the avoidance of trauma to wound edges Bancroft and Stanley-Brown (7) recommend the avoidance of tight abdominal dressings, pointing out that such dressings, together with splinting of the diaphragm and postoperative distention, must cause considerable stasis in the veins of the lower extremities They believe also that the Fowler position and the lower edge of the tight abdominal adhesive dressings will cause a constriction of the thigh vessels at Poupart's ligament Farrar (31) declares that chilling should be prevented and enemas with a subnormal temperature avoided She is of the opinion also that sudden change of the position of the patient's extremities may be a contributory factor. Daniels (21) warns against undue manipulation of fractures, particularly those of the femur in elderly persons, since shortening of even as much as 3 or 4 cm is preferable to perfect apposition with the risk of death from embolism

Robertson (84) comments on the importance of the prostatic plexus and the fact that hypertrophy of the prostate is quite frequent in patients with

an enfeebled myocardium

Infection Thurston and Lamb (95) report experiments in which they found that infection plays only a minor rôle and that surgical trauma and retardation of the blood flow are the chief contributing factors to the thrombus formation occurring after suture

Instruments. Lichtenauer (63) describes an instrument based on the principle of a spiral probe which will fit snugly into the lumen of a blood vessel. It is a flexible metal tube to which is attached a wire guide with a blunt corkscrew at the end. Lichtenauer believes that injury to the blood-vessel walls is extremely unlikely to be produced by this instrument.

Infusions Meyer-Wildisen (66) argues that since most fatal emboli have their origin in the thigh veins, intramuscular infusions into the region of these veins should be avoided as they might play a part in creating or releasing emboli. He advises that such infusions be made instead into the upper extremity where similar sequelæ are apparently less likely to occur.

Arteriography. The French especially have become quite interested in arteriography. They inject the opaque medium directly into the vessel. The method most frequently recommended is that

of Santos. The arteriograms are made immediately after the injection of the opaque medium. Detailed reports of cases in which arteriography was carried out have been published by Roux-Berger, Contiadès and Naulleau (88), Abbeloos (1), and Contiadès and Naulleau (18).

# Pharmacological Treatment

Antispasmodics Especially in Europe much work has been done on the use of antispasmodic drugs with particular regard to postembolic sequelæ The purpose of most of the procedures has been to make it possible for the plug to slip further along toward the periphery by enlarging the lumen of the injured vessels which has been decreased by the spasm caused by the thrombus. In this way collateral circulation is favored as fewer orifices opening into the main channel are likely to be obstructed. It is obvious that if the clot can be washed far peripherally there will be less chance for massive gangrene and the necrotic area may be fairly limited.

Kohlmayer (57), Fuerst (34), and Denk (26, 27) recommend eupaverin, and Girode, Moricard,

and Brouet (35), acetylcholine.

Anticoagulants A paper which has aroused considerable comment in the United States is the contribution of Bancroft and Stanley-Brown (7) in which the intravenous use of sodium-thiosulphate is recommended Clinically, Bancroft and Stanley-Brown "use 10 c cm. of a 10 per cent solution for three successive days, repeating the series after a period of two to three days interval if results are unsatisfactory." They admit that their series of cases is too small for definite conclusions Neuda (67) reports quite favorable results from the intravenous injection of campolon, and Koenig (56), from the intravenous injection of sympatol. Macias de Torrés (64) has employed calcium chloride, but concedes that the number of his cases is not large enough to warrant positive conclusions.

In addition to the systemic use of anticoagulants there is the more local technical application at the surgical site of the incision itself, the idea being to prevent postoperative clotting in the vessel at the suture line In Italy, Pupini (77, 78) has done considerable research on this phase and has studied experimentally the varying effects of arsenobenzol, hirudin, sodium citrate, heparin, and novirudin In America, Thurston and Lamb (95) are among the surgeons favoring heparin

# Mechanical Treatment

In 1932 a group of workers in the Department of Surgery of the University of Cincinnati (Reid,

Herrmann, and McGrath, 45, 46, 70, 81), be came interested in the construction of a muchire designed to improve the circulation of extremines by means of alternate positive and negative pressure They believed that by such changes of pressure they would be able to promote the collat eral circulation of the leg or arm along physiolog ical lines. Considerable experimentation resulted in the construction of the Payaer machine (PAssive VAscular Exercise) which in certain carefully selected cases has apparently been of definite value. This machine has been employed in practically all vascular complications but especially in peripheral embolism and arterial throm Herrmann (43) said that up to August 1935, it had been used in the Cincipanti General and the Christian R Holmes Hospitals nineteen times. Immediate re-estably himent of the circulation was brought about in all except the case of a patient suffering from corpnary thrombosis in addition to an embolus in a peripheral vessel The systolic blood pressure is said never to have risen above to mm of mercury. In the case in which the circulation was not re established im mediately the leg went on to complete mummifi cation before death

The Parenet treatment contains in placing the affected extremity in a glass boot and rhyth muchly alternating the environmental pies sure from a negative of about 80 mm of mercury to a positive of a om m of mercury to a reality that type of treatment can be continued for an indefinite length of time without causing any special disconfort of untoward effects. Sustained collateral arterial circulation is present after exercity, his choices the continue apparatus are apparatus

#### LASE REPORTS

Recently several fairly extensive case reviews have appeared in the surgical and medical iterature. Dancis (22) and Pearse (73) have written two that are northy of special mention and Davies (25) and Belt (81 have published good autopsy summations.

Bullet embol: For a discussion of bullet emboli which are generally a postmortem finding the reader is referred to the pipers of Walcher (98) Palkauf (71) and Baker (6)

Paradoxical emboli The so-called paradoxical emboli are mentioned in recent articles by fluber (52) and Hirschboeck (48). The latter presents a short review of the history of this rather mire quent type of emboli

Pulmonary embolism following ophthalmic operations is said to be rare. Wolff (103) cites one case and di cusses four others.

#### PROGNOSIS

The patient subjected to embolectom is generally a poor insk Of 50 cares of embolectom collected by Pearse (i, i), death resulted in 5 per cent. The high meetably is due undoubted) to several factors. The age of the patient is greer ally well becound the mean life expectance of fifty seven years for example the average age of Zierold's putients was sixty five years (16) Morrower, many persons developing an embolishave been incapacitated by a heart condition for weeks or month. The incidence of heart disease in cases of embolism has been reported by Davis and others as a bout 60 per cent.

Winchester (10) and Danzi and Golden (21) have empha ized the danger of multiple recurred erbbol. The difficulties of an earlie cleared diagnosis have been mentioned. Goldenrand (36) calls attention to the fact that the patient is often brought to the hostital too late for treatment of

ary type to be successful

In the est of postoperative embolism the length of time elapsing before the formation of the embolist is of great importance. Whation (rost has noted that pulmonary embolism is much more serious if it occurs the first week after opened on before the irritation of the aneethetic has under an ability and the estimated that while attelectures and hypocentialism are still present. The patient is then a poor rost.

also because he has not recovered his strength As has been stated, there are those who advocate immediate intervention and believe that the prognosts is dependent directly upon the time that elapses before treatment is given. In pulmonary embolism this is a matter of minutes or a fraction of a minute. In peripheral embol sm, death is soon to be expected unless therapy is in statuted before from six to eight hours (fearse) These facts are recogni ed even by the conservative school Although Bergendal stresses that cases of arternal embols of the upper extremits are not so likely to require operation as cases of arteral embols of the lower extremits, he admits that postponement of operation may be dangerous m both groups

I ray examination Craftond (10) calls attent to the fact that the heart outline should be watched during embolic attacks. If a change of the right side and enlargement are revailed to either the shadow or the percussion note the prognosis is grave whereas if this condition clears up the outlook is more favorable.

## CONCLUSIONS

A review of the literature of the last three years on embolism and thrombosis shows that a tremendous amount of detail has been reported within that period However, it is evident that some of the recorded results are conflicting and that there is need for adequate verification along many lines Technical surgery per se has not appreciably advanced in the last three years, but considerable progress has been made in "mechanical therapy," viz, passive vascular exercises. The use of new drugs such as campolon and sympatol appears to be of some prophylactic value.

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# ABSTRACTS OF CURRENT LITERATURE

## SURGERY OF THE HEAD AND NECK

#### HEAD

Gurdjian E S. The Management of Depressed bractures of the Skull and Old Skuti Defects inn Surg. 1935, 102, 89

For acute cases of depressed fracture of the skull one of the bullowing bour procedures may be used I Removal of the area of depression. This the most commonly employed method often results in defects that later require further operative procedures for esthetic purposes particularly when they see located in the forthead?

2 Levation of the depres ion by means of a bone elevator passed under the area of depression through a small opening to one side of the defect. This is of great advantage in the cases of children but in the cases of adults in which the inner table is so often

shattered it is frequently hazardous

3 Mass temoval of the asset of depression in cluding, a strip of normal bone sutrounding it and replacement of the bone flap after elevation of the control of the control

4. When the area of depression is bevood repair to preces of bone have to be discruded because of contamination repair of the defect with a transplant from the outer laser of the shall. The transplant atton is very simple if the defect is no larger than the size of the transplant from mentances because of the danger of infection it is impossible to do all that is destred. Fins is true praticularly in compound fractures of the frontal sinus region and the roof of the orbit. All foreign bodies should be removed along with free pieces of contaminated bone. It is usually necessary to pack the wound.

In the author's clinic it is the policy not to disturb simple depressions without symptoms

The indications for the repair of old defects are better estibute results and the allevation of head ache and dizziness Guidpian prefers autogenous esteoperosteal transplants in the procedure he follows the defect is thoroughly exposed by approporate measons are strip of hore. Through the same remains or another an area of hone is then exposed and upon it the area of the defect is marked and the petiosteum incised about r cm beyond the outline. The periosteum is then puckered toward the certer of the flap the bone cut down to the diploe with the rotars saw, and the transplant chieseled out and placed in the defect. Jorn WITSTE E my MID.

Mondor It and Gauthier Viltara P Tuberculosis of the Submazillary Gland (Tuberculose de la glande sous maxillare) Presse mid Par 1935 43 807

Tubetculosis of the patotid and submaillary glands is very rare. In a review of the literature the authors were able to find records of only four cases of primary tuberculosis of the submaillary gland which they consider authorite. To these they add a case coming under their own observation.

Their patient was a man fifty seem old who had a diffuse swelling of the right submanilary gland for six or seven years. If he had consided the authors several times, thinking it was a timor Possibly malipmant but had been assured that it was no ordinary inflammation. Probably due to hithaus. The gland had become twice it is normal use soil mulgrared but had caused pann and functional databases only during the past few weeks. Recult) it had become rapidly is large as to be disfigurating and the patient had noticed rightmest of forming and the patient had noticed rightmest of seven in the second part of the part

Operation disclosed no signs of mabigancy or a mixed tumor. The pland was three times its normal size and uniformly hard. It presented no evidence of absess formation. Its enucleation was secon plashed early. While grows it appeared almost normal histological examination disclosed typical young tubercle follules with cassetted center row tuning goart eiths and surrounded by farming control of the control of

The results of attempts to infect the salvar glands of attempts with tuberculous have been no tradictory. Some investigators have failed to obtain any results at all while others have claimed successful results from the use of various routes. The most recent attempts were made by Lucchev and recent attempts were made by Lucchev the the process as spread by the intraglandular to hatter. When the process of the process of the prohatter of the process of the process of the prohatter of the process of the process of the prohatter of the process of the prolation of the process of the prolation of the process of the prolation of the protation of t

## EYE

Reese, A. B.: Exophthalmos Ocular Complications; Causes from Primary Lesions in the Orbit; Surgical Treatment. Arch Ophth, 1935, 14 41

The author states that one of the most frequent complications resulting from exophthalmos is an ulcer due to the exposure of the cornea Pressure or inflammation around the optic nerve often causes papilledema and later atrophy The same factors may cause thrombosis of the central retinal vein An orbital tumor may push the scleral wall in as well as the eyeball out and may suggest a flat detachment of the retina Acquired tissue around the globe, whether neoplastic or inflammatory, may produce glaucoma

Orbital tumors usually cause some amblyopia and not infrequently amaurosis due to pressure on the optic nerve Stretching of the optic nerve by exophthalmos does not seem to be an important factor Other causes of impairment of vision are hyperopia and hyperopic astigmatism produced by indentation

of the sclera

Primary tumors of the orbit which are benign histologically may be locally malignant in that their slow growth may impair the function of the eye or reach the brain In this group are hemangiomas gliomas of the optic nerve, meningiomas of the optic nerve sheath, and mixed tumors of the lachrymal gland, all of which grow slowly Hemangioma, the most common primary tumor of the orbit, is the most satisfactory to treat because it is usually encapsulated and radium-sensitive It is probably entirely congenital in origin Two important characteristics of this tumor are its failure to affect the motility of the eye and variations in its size with variations in the degree of the evophthalmos

The large majority of newgrowths of the lachrymal gland are mixed tumors. Pure carcinoma is extremely rare, and sarcoma has never been reported. Mixed tumors are congenital although they mainfest themselves at the average age of forty. Mixed tumors are not benign. Neither are they just locally malig-

nant as 7 per cent form distal metastases

All primary intraneural tumors of the optic nerve are gliomas found in children during the first decade of life. Vision is usually affected before the exophthalmos appears. The neoplasms increase in size by causing proliferation of pre-existing neuroglia in the vicinity. Extraneural tumors of the optic nerve or meningliomas have the same histological picture as tumors found in the meninges. They are prone to produce changes in the contiguous bone. They become encapsulated and the capsule tends to adhere to the surrounding structures.

Sarcoma of the orbit may arise from connective tissue, muscle, nerve, periosteum, fat, or lymphocytes In a series of cases cited the course was rapidly fatal whether the treatment was irradiation, operation, or both It is usually said that the younger the patient the more malignant the tumor

Of the primary orbital cysts, the congenital coloboma cyst and retinocele are the most interesting In determining whether or not a newgrowth causes the exophthalmos, the presence of an anomalous condition of the disk, iris, or other structures is of importance

Primary tumors and pseudotumors can simulate each other in every detail. The most important facts of aid in the differentiation of a pseudotumor

from a true tumor are

1. Primary tumors of the orbit occur most frequently in the first decade of life and rarely after the second decade The average age at which pseudotumors appear is forty-five years

2 In cases of primary tumor the onset of the exophthalmos is insidious and gradual In cases of pseudotumor it is relatively sudden, usually occur-

ring in several weeks

3 Primary tumors of the orbit are never bilateral Pseudotumors affect both eyes in one-third of the cases, but the second eye becomes involved from four to nine months after the first eye

4 Primary, as well as secondary, tumors in the orbit not infrequently cause roentgen changes in the orbital bones, whereas pseudotumors characteristi-

cally do not

5 Primary tumors usually cause no pain and no swelling of the conjunctiva or the lids In one-half of the cases, pseudotumors give rise to some pain and some edema around the eye.

The etiology of pseudotumor is not known. A high degree of myopia may produce prominence of the eye which, if unilateral, may be misleading Paralysis of one or more of the rectus muscles or tenotomy of a rectus muscle may result in exophthalmos of from 2 to 3 mm

In cases of exophthalmos operation may be indicated for cosmetic purposes, for protection of the cornea, for the removal of a tumor, or for the relief

of pain

In cases in which the newgrowth is extensive or diffuse and those in which it cannot or should not be locally extirpated, eventeration is indicated. If a Thiersch graft is placed in the orbit at the time of the exenteration it will adhere readily and a week after the operation the orbit will be clean, free from discharge, and odorless

Tumors which have extended to the orbit secondarily from the sinuses, nasopharynx, or elsewhere may cause severe pain which can often be relieved by exenteration

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Fewell, A. G., and Fry, W. E: Bilateral Retinal Glioma Treated by Raduation A Clinical and Histological Report. Arch Ophth, 1935, 14 190

Present opinion seems to indicate that in cases of bilateral glioma of the retina in which one eye retains useful vision and ophthalmoscopic examination shows that its optic nerve is probably not involved, the treatment should be enucleation of the most involved eye and irradiation of the eye retaining vision.

The authors report a case of glioms of the right eye and a smaller tumor of the feft eye The right eye was enucleated and the left eye treated by roentgen irradiation. The lesion in the left eye at first regressed but later the entire vitreous became filled and enucleation of that eye also became neces SALA VIRGIL WESCOTT M D

Levine J Primary Melanosarcoma of the Optic 1rch Ophik 1935 14 329

The case reported was that of a man fifty three years old who, eighteen months before consulting the author had had a pigmented mole excised from the right thigh \liston was corrected to normal in both eyes but in the right eye there was a bluish protru sion into the vitreous from the upper temporal por tion of the optic disk Examination of the eye follow ing its enucleation disclo ed a blue black spot in the cut end of the optic nerve and a densely pigmented mass occupying the upper half of the disk. The author believes that the tumor had its onem in a melanoma VIRGIL WESCOTT M D

#### EAR

Myerson M C and Rubin II W and Gilbert J G Considerations on Suppuration of the

Petrous Pyramid treh Olduryaget 1915 22 62 The authors review fifty three cases of fistula collected from the literature in which the condition was studied at operation or autopsy. The fistulas were located at nine different sites in the middle ear and mastoid cavity. The ca es are tabulated ac cording to location of the fistulas In six cases there were multiple fistulas and in nine there was a retropharyngeal abscess which drained an empyema of the petrous apex

The authors report eight cases, six of which terminated in recovery

An attempt has been made to simplify and clarify the indications for surgical intervention and a plan of attack is presented James C Brasnell, M D

#### NOSE AND SINUSES

Burnham II II An Anatomical Investigation of the Blood Vessels of the Lateral Nasal Wall and Their Relation to the Turbinates and Sinuses J Laryngol & Otol 1935 50 569

The author states that three large bony canals are present in the posterior three fifths of the inferior turbina'e bone Therefore this part of the bone should not be removed surgically without the most serious consideration. The two lower canals aid in draining the inferior turbinate and atrium areas of venous blood and are the principal venous pathways carrying blood to the sphenopalatine foramen from this area. Along the junction of the turbinate with the lateral nasal wall is the canal for an important tract of antral vessels

These three large bony canals of the inferior tur binate are so placed on the large venous pathways that a considerable narrowing of the blood stream takes place at their entrance in the central one fifth of the inferior turbinate This bottle neck con striction fa just posterior to many of the connections between the periosteal veins and erectile tissue which must drain through it When fully dilated, the erec tile (cavernous) us ue contains a large volume of blood and as it is comparatively superficial exfremely sensitive to external stimuli and subject to rapid contraction the bottle neck constriction may be the cause of a considerable hindrance to the cir culation with important sequely

It is well known that hy persensitive areas are often found in the mucosa of the lateral nasal wall. These tender spots as they are often called correspond to the bony canal openings described. The tender ness can be relieved by the application of ephedrine This results in contraction of the erectile tissue and at least temporary relief of the circulatory em barrassment TAMES C. BRASWELL, M D.

Williams 11 L Intranasal Operation for Chronic Maxillary Sinusitis End Results in 200 Cases in Which the Principles of Auester Here

Employed J 4m M 4ss 1935 tos 96 Ruester published his fundamental article. The Basic Principles of the Treatment of Suppuration in Rigid Walled Cavities in 1880 He took the maxil lary sinus as an example of a completely rigid walled Cavity with a lining of mucous membrane life established as his principles of treatment an opening into the sinus large enough to allow inspection of the interior and the removal of diseased portions of the membrane, polypt and sequestra and the estab lishment of a permanent hatufa to afford unobstruct ed drainage. It is on these principles that all later sinus surgery has been based. Kuester chose as his route of approach the canine lossa making an open ing from the pyriform process to the region of the first molar and maintaining the patency of the open ing by suturing the mucous membrane of the antrum to the mucous membrane of the gagroubueral

groove Io 1903 Caldwell because of the extreme difficulty encountered in preventing re infection of the antrum through the mouth in the presence of a permanent fistula in the canine fossa opened the antrum through the camne fossa removed diseased tissue as advocated by Auester and then made a permanent counter opening into the inferior meatus and allowed the opening in the canine fossa to heaf Because this method of surgical treatment met the requirements of Luester without the disadvantage of a permanent fistula into the mouth and because it combined the advantage of a physiologically normal pathway of discharge as advocated by Mikulicz it gained imme diate favor and almost supplanted all other methods of surgical treatment of suppurative disease of the manillary sinus The Mikuficz operation was rele gated to the position of an accessory procedure to lavage of the thick walled antrum because adequate exposure to remove diseased tissue and a permanent

opening for drainage were not secured by the original technique

Luc, in 1897, described a similar technique which has caused his name to be linked with Caldwell's although his article was not published until several

years after Caldwell's contribution

In 1927 Hempstead described a technique of approach through the inferior meatus that met the requirements of Kuester without sacrificing any of the functioning tissue of the nose and avoided the more troublesome approach through the canine fossa. In this procedure the inferior turbinate was fractured upward so as to expose freely the lateral wall beneath it and an opening then made into the antrum large enough to permit easy inspection of all the lining membrane except that of the anterior wall The latter area could be inspected with the aid of a mirror. Any grossly diseased tissue was removed with a curette. The after-care was by the dry method This technique was used in the cases reviewed by the author

The 2 methods which meet the surgical requirements of Kuester are the Caldwell technique and Hempstead's modification of the Mikulicz technique As the exposure in the Caldwell technique is without question somewhat superior, this approach is reserved for cases in which malignancy is suspected, those with evidence of sequestration, and the small percentage in which sufficiently good removal of diseased tissue has not been accomplished by the intranasal operation As the Mikulicz technique permits quicker operation and ease of approach with avoidance of the postoperative neuralgia sometimes associated with disturbance of the infra-orbital nerve, as it requires less prolonged hospitalization; and as it yields equally good results, it has been adopted at the Mayo Clinic as the routine technique

For this report 200 consecutive cases of chronic suppurative disease of the maxillary sinus operated upon by various members of the staff during the year 1926 were selected because the time that has elapsed since the operations should be sufficient to show whether any good results obtained were permanent In all of the cases the symptoms had been present for a year or more Although only a small percentage of the patients were studied for specific hypersensitiveness, this condition was almost eliminated by confining consideration to cases in which

the maxillary sinus alone was involved

Of 123 patients followed up by questionnaire, only 19 (154 per cent) reported unsatisfactory results Of the total number followed up, 84 6 per cent had

received complete symptomatic relief

In 7 of the cases in which the results were unsatisfactory the failure of the treatment was probably due to an unrecognized specific hypersensitiveness 4 cases bronchiectasis was present. Although this number is too small to warrant conclusions, the author suggests that bronchiectasis may be a factor producing the sinusitis rather than a sequela of the latter condition In r case, postoperative osteomyelitis of the maxilla, and in another, postoperative

sphenoiditis prevented a good result. In 6 cases closure of the intranasal window resulted in failure In 4 cases in which the patient's reply did not furnish sufficient data for conclusions the failure of the treatment was probably due to the same cause. In 2 cases misdirected therapeutic efforts were directly responsible for persistence of the symptoms. In 2 others, madequate investigation failed to reveal the presence of a frontal sinusitis which maintained the infection in the antrum. In 2 cases, failure to close the fistula from the alveolus to the antrum was apparently the cause of the difficulty, and in r case in which bilateral intranasal windows failed to relieve the nasal symptoms, bilateral Caldwell-Luc operations performed elsewhere relieved the symptoms and apparently caused marked improvement in the arthritis from which the patient suffered

Williams draws the following conclusions:

The surgical principles laid down by Kuester are sound and accomplish the desired result

2 Hempstead's modification of the Mikulicz and Caldwell operations meets these requirements

3 Failure to remove the mucoperiosteal lining of the sinus does not militate against a good result

Good results of the operation depend on securing an adequate and permanent opening for drainage and on removal of diseased membrane

5 Poor results are caused by failure to secure adequate drainage, incomplete investigation, failure

in diagnosis, and poor selection of cases

6 As was evidenced by this study of 200 cases, cure can be obtained by intranasal operation in about 80 per cent of cases of chronic maxillary sinusitis

7 It is therefore apparent that the intranasal operation usually gives such satisfactory results that, except in exceptional cases, it should be the operation of choice

## MOUTH

Veau, V.: The Clinical Forms of Unilateral Harelip (Die klinischen Formen der einseitigen Hasenscharte) Deutsche Ztschr f Chir, 1935, 244° 595

Of a series of 1,000 harelips, 749 were unilateral and 273 were simple Of the 251 bilateral harelips, 72 were simple In 502 of the unilateral harelips reviewed in this article, the deformity was on the left side Veau distinguishes the following types of unilateral simple harelip-

 Labial scars in which the cleft does not extend beyond the vermilion border, the alæ nasi are usually not symmetrical, and muscular defects are generally

2. Clefts extending into the skin zone Above the cleft a deep groove extends to the nostril and the vermilion border rises higher Behind a fold of mucous membrane at the lateral incisor there is a groove in the bone. The nostril is always widened

3. Clefts which reach the nostril where the musculature is usually completely lacking The nostril is usually greatly deformed, and the maxilla regularly cleft. Often there is a dislocation of the intermaxilla in front of the alveolar ridge

Total umlateral barelip is present when the hip, alveolar process, and palate are cleft. It may be present also when the palate is intact but a eleft of the hp and division of the alveolar process are always found Transition from the simple to the total cleft is exemplified by the cases with a bridge which are very common. The soft part bridges, which extend from the upper outer edge of the eleft to the intermaxilla are never connected with the mucocutaneous edge of the latter but end on the mner hp They vary greatly in breadth and thick ness and may disappear into a fine filament which eventually tears secondarily leaving a small excrescence. From these formations the author con cludes that harely represents the completion of a certain development in which forces arise in the inner parts gradually increase and complete the malformation Therefore it is not merely a matter of arrested development. Fleischmann is perhaps right in assuming an insufficiency of the mesoderm induced by an epithelial barrier

As interesting and surgically important associated changes sean mentions incurvation of the been which was observed by him in S or os fin 3 without harless) attophy of the intermentals and search of the opposite side which were observed by him in S or oses and always require operation as for lateral hardless. The description is intended to demonstrate that hardless is a tractionized entire the operation as recording variations based on the same teratological occur renose but different secondary factors.

(STEVERS) (V BURELL) THOMAS II STEVENSON M D

Vaheri E So Cailed Mixed Tomors of the Upper Lip (Ueber sogenannte Mixchgeschwuciste der Ober lippe) Acta chirurg Scand 1955, 76 527

The author reports a typical so called mustition of the upper lip which was entained hadlogically. The growth and a mucous gland of the lip were surrounded by a common cap ule of connectivities. They were separated only by an intervening wall of connective tissue which at one place as strikingly thin. In the capsular layer were found among other indiamatory, cells a rebrively large number of grant cells the numerous nucles of which were in the periphery of the cell. In the author a opinion, the origin of so called mixed tumors of the ip is to be found in the mucous glands of the lip

In a review of the literature Valent collected forty three cases of so-called mixed tumors of the hp. He cites the various regions of the body in which mixed tumors have been found

Axhausen G The Results in Cleft Palates Oper ated upon Unsuccessfully (Operationsergebousse bei crioiglos operacien Caumenspalaen) 59 Tag d deut k Ges f Chr. Berlin 1035

Every cleft palate is anatomically and functionally capable of being operated upon successfully by mod ern surgical and posthetic technique provided active palate musculature is p esent which is fortunately almost always the case. The breadth of the cleft the formation of scars, the shrinkage of the mocous membrane, and the retraction of the soft palate are no longer of decisive importance

In the untourhed delft palate a completely secessful result can be obtained in ever, case at the first operative referention, so great is the certainly afforded by whe freeing of the oft parts from the underlying bone and muscle its relaxion by the lateral tamponade at the soil palate, the double our of satures at the hard palate the triple ros at the outpalate, and the celluloud plates which protect and give support. A velum which is somewhat too palate, and the celluloud plates which protect and give support. A velum which is somewhat too plates to be supported to the sequence length by plastic, long being one of the enquired length by plastic, long being one of local anesthesia there is no longer any mortality.

The same technique is successful also in cleft palates previously operated upon unsuccessfully if sufficient mucous membrane is still present Es pecually the lengthening of short and scarred vela can be accomplished in this way Under these more difficult conditions there may occur a small opening which may require subsequent treatment if it does not close spontaneously. In complicated cases in which the amount of mucous membrane is insufficient it is always possible after freeing the soft palate laterally and completely separating it from the hard palate to place it in the correct position near the posterior pharypgeal wall. The large anterior defect may then be closed with the help of a long skin fisp In all of the author's six cases this plastic operation was sucressful

(Amagest) (V Bresell) TrougsW Sizverson, M D Watson W L. Adenocarcinoma of the Oral Car

ity Am J Roenigenol 1935 24 33
Intra-oral adenocaremomas constitute a definite group with typical pathological and clinical that acteristics which entitle them to a separate classin

cation among intra oral neoplasms

The author reports a study of forty one cases of intra-oral adenocarcinoma from the clinical point

of view
Intra-oral adenocarcinorasa usualiv develop from
the minor salivary glands of the oral cavity but
may arise from aberrant thyroid ti sue or from

mucous gland.

A study of sections from a large rumber of ther glandular tumors showed that classification to defeated groups is impossible. However, the defeated groups is impossible. However, constant the gross appearance in diagnostic. The cumors are round or oral. The average sare of the oval tumor is about 3 by 3 cm. Their greatest diarrelers into before buckward. The neophosis may be slightly lobulated but are usually smooth. Prey are covered by an adherent. Jughtly thekeod instant intoom metafrance. In some cases the covering spommers with the control of the more of th

If there has been no previous surgical interference, it is always due to pressure necrosis from the tumor

grow th

On palpation, the growths are usually found to be firmly elastic, but occasionally a sense of fluctuation may be elicited. The latter may lead the physician to attempt incision and dramage. Deep fivation to underlying structures is the rule. Lesions of the palate are apt to be pale, shiny, and reddish-yellow while those arising at the base of the tongue are more likely to be of a deeper red and to present a granular appearance. Encapsulation is often more apparent than real

In ten fatal cases the average period of survival after the ouset of the symptoms was seven years and the average period of survival after the patient's admission to the clinic was three and eight-tenths years

JOSEPH K. NARAT, M. D.

Albright, H. L: Carcinoma of the Mouth, with Special Reference to Treatment. Radiology, 1935, 25 24

Cancer of the mouth ranks second in frequency to cancer of the breast and uterus. While it is among the most readily recognized and accessible cancers, it has a high niortality. It shows a tendency toward early disintegration, infection, and regional spread. Enlargement of cervical nodes is present in the majority of cases when they first come under observation.

The author briefly reviews the treatment of the condition from the earliest recorded cases to the present time. Since 1900 there have been many changes in the treatment due mainly to the intro-

duction of the roentgen rays and radium

In the irradiation therapy of intra-oral cancer since 1910 there has been a constantly increasing tendency toward the intra-tumoral application of radio-active substances. Since Martin, Quimby, and Pack reported in 1931 that the minimal lethal dose required for the successful treatment of intra-oral cancer in fifty-six cases was from 7 to 10 skin erythema doses delivered in from ten to twenty days the unsatisfactory results of external irradiation have been more clearly understood. The intensity of the oral tumor dosage from an external source rarely reaches 2 S. E. D. and never exceeds 3 S. E. D. without causing serious damage and often death

The pathological anatomy of malignant tumors of the mouth is discussed in detail. More than 90 per cent of such tumors are epidermoid carcinomas, most of which are of the adult differentiated type. The author describes lesions of the hp, tongue, floor of the mouth, gums, jaws, cheek, palate, and tonsils and traces the chief metastatic paths to the neck of each type of lesion. He discusses also less common types of malignancy such as sarcoma, lymphosarcoma, nerve-cell tumors, transitional-cell epithelioma, lympho-epithelioma, carcinoma of cylindrical-cell origin, mixed tumors, epulis, and adamantinoma

With regard to the cause of oral malignancy he discusses associated factors which seem to in-

fluence the appearance and course of the disease, such as syphilis, the use of tobacco and alcohol, leukoplakia, defects of the teeth, mouth infection and heredity.

The diagnosis is usually based on the findings of biopsy. The lesion is usually a hard indurated ulcer, but may be papillary and nodular. In the differential diagnosis ulcerations due to leukemia, agranulocytosis, tuberculosis, and actinomycosis must be ruled out.

The degree of malignancy generally increases from the lip to the pharyny Spread of the disease occurs by direct extension, chiefly by regional metastasis by embolic dissemination of the tumor cells through the lymph channels The clinical course is usually progressive The average survival is two years, but in cases of cancer of the lip is somewhat longer.

At the present time the treatment of intra-oral malignancy consists of surgery (electrosurgery) or irradiation, or both Irradiation is being used more and more frequently. For the destruction of intra-oral tumors rehance is placed largely on the caustic rather than the selective action of radium. The author describes the irradiation reaction. This is determined largely by the reaction of normal tissue and of the tumor bed and the direct action of the irradiation on the tumor cells. Adequate dosage at one sitting or within a single short period is of prime importance as the lesions seem to acquire added radio-resistance to successive exposures at long intervals.

Approved procedures and technique for the treatment of lesions of the lips, tongue, floor of the mouth, gums, jaws, cheeks, palate, and tonsils are described in detail

In every case early treatment of the cervical lymphatic areas is imperative however effective the primary cure. Once metastases have developed in the neck nodes, the chance for cure by any treatment is practically lost. Prophylactic treatment of the neck areas is therefore of great importance. Years of experience have shown that prophylactic external irradiation is uncertain and should be used only in combination with surgery. For the best results rehance must usually be placed chiefly on early dissection of the neck areas en bloc before the nodes are involved.

In discussing the prognosis, the author states that grading of tumors is of value especially in determining group prognosis MacCarty's list of other factors which must be considered is cited.

Some of the conclusions drawn by the author are as follows.

r Early diagnosis will improve the results more than any other single factor

2 The treatment of choice for the primary lesion in all cases in which it has extended beyond the pcs-sibility of easy operative removal is radium irradiation

3 To be reliably effective intratumoral radium irradiation must be of epidermicidal intensity,

whether it is given over a short or long period. In this form it is the best caustic ever discovered for cancer

All cures of cancer of the tonsil have been obtained from irradiation. In this condition radium must be employed regorously

5 In the treatment of the rervical lymphatic areas irradiation is uncertain. It should be used only in combination with surgers, which should be early and radical The danger of waiting until the nodes become involved is too great

6 Better management of the individual case will re ult from co-operation of the surgeon and rade ologist rather than from the treatment given by either alone

An extensive bibliography is appended SDOLPH HARTLAG M D

#### NECK

Yoss O Contributions on the Clinical Charac registics of Basedow a Disease (Bestraere zur Khnik des Morbus Basedow) Deutsche Ztiche f Chir 1034 244 1

Is Base fow a disease a hyperthyroidism or a dya thyroidism? In other nords, is thyroid secretion in the condition merely increased or as it changed in character? Vos attempts to answer this question First be discusses the active constituent of the nor mal secretion. Formerly the active constituent was believed to be Kendall's thyroun Later di iodo tyroune was isolated. It is certain that di iodot; ro sine depresses the action of thyroxin. The role of judine in the body and therefore of the thyroid has been more sats factorily explained Inding free thy rold secretion is biologically inactive. The iodine content of the normal as well as the pathological thyroid is very inconstant. The normal content of judge in the blood also varie However, the find ings of investigations carried out by Veit and Sturm demonstrated that in 70 per cent of cases of simple gotter it is decreased while in hyperthyroidism and Basedow a disease it is increased a fact of importance in the diagnosis of Basedow a disease Never theless this leads us no prarer to the active substance The latter is the iodothyroglobulin isolated by Os wald Indothyroglobulin a complicated protein body which contains thyroxin and disodotyrosine In contrast to its components it shows the same activity as the thyroid sub tance itself in biological studies. With the exception of the sodine content it has alway the same percentage chemical composi tion. In parenchymatous gotters cystic adenomas and the classical Basedon goiters the todine content is greatly reduced whereas in colloid goiters it is high Therefore it depends upon the colloid content

Wherein hes the difference between simple gotter and Basedow's disease? Is it only a difference in the arrangement of the components? As structural changes in this molecule cannot be demonstrated chemically Vossattempted by spectrographic study to determine whether there are differences in ultra

violet light absorption. He used five pretarations of sodothyroxiobulin from normal theroids simple gotters and Basedow gotters prepared by Oswald's method slightly modified He describes the method in detail With these preparations tadpole feeling tests were made. The preparations i om normal the cords and simple gotters markedly accelerated the metamorphosis of the tadpoles while the preparations from Basedow gosters caused a similar re action followed by death Therefore a structural

difference of the jodothy roglobulin may be assumed. Studies with the Zeiss spectrograph were then made The sociothy toglobulin from normal thyruids and simple gotters showed no difference in contras to that from the Busedow guters These federes demonstrated that basedow's disease a based on a dysthyreosis The rodothyroglobulin must be changed in some way in this cordition On the other hand there is a pure hyperthyroidism in a simple increase in secretion such as that produced in Rehn a clinic by the administration of prepara trons from the anterior lobe of the pituitary gland. Whether this can change into true Basedon a discare

temains to be determined

Differential diagnosis Histological differences are well known but it must be borne in mind that pathological theroids also rearly always contain normal tissue mixed with pathological tissue. As typical of Basedow's gorter Nocher cited the disappearance of colloid and the well known epr thelial changes. The histolomical difference between hyperthyreoses and Basedow a disease is character ized by the fact that in the former hypertrophy of the thyroid with abundant colloid is found while in the latter there is a surprising deficiency of col loid with papillary problerations of the epithelium, hypertrophy and hyperplana of the follules a d frequently hymph follucies with germinal certers Honever the latter can no longer be considered characteristic of Basedow a disea e as we now know that they are only the manifestation of an increase of thyroid function. They may be absent after treat ment with todine

loss agrees with Sudeck in distinguishing that cally (1) hyperthyroidism (2) Basedow's disease and (a) a rare neuropathic condition. In hipe thyroid are there is tremor with an increase in the metabolism a loss of weight palpitation tach) cardia sometimes cardiac irregularity and occa sionally widening of the palpebral fissure but never exophthalmos and never any vascular brust with vascularization of the goiter Lymphocytous is not a criterion as it occurs also in simple goiter

In Basedon > disease there is exophthalmos with its associated eye signs enlargement and vaccu langation of the thyroid a vascular brust tremor sweating diarrhea and psychic disturbances is the increase in the metabolism may be very slight it is not a cellable sien

In studies of the central nervous system tos made findings of considerable aid in the differential diagnosis Tests were made with KSZ on the median nerve It was found that excitability is increased in hyperthyroidism, decreased in Basedow's disease, and normal in simple goiter This finding does not parallel the increase in the metabolism In Basedow's disease operation usually produces no change.

Voss next determined the stimulation threshold (rheobasis) and the time required for excitation (chronavia) In these also he found a distinct dif-In hyperthyroidism the chronaxia was somewhat above the normal whereas the rheobasis was lower In Basedow's disease the rheobasis was high and the chronavia still more prolonged. Attention is called to the fact that the diagnoses of hyperthyroidism and Basedow goiter were proved by histological examination as well as by the clinical symptoms The findings show that there is no heterochronism as claimed by Lapicque The r r relation between muscle and nerve is not disturbed, and that in normal persons the chronaxia for the extensor muscles is usually twice that for the flexor muscles In the flexor muscles the chronaxia is usually more markedly changed than for the extensor muscles The muscle symptoms of Basedow's disease (weakness, easily induced fatigue) therefore depend on a disturbance in the antagonist relationship this fact and the findings of investigations carried out hy Hosemann and Walther, Voss concludes that Basedon toxin has an influence on nerves as well as muscles There is no parallelism between the seventy of Basedow's disease and that of the nerve and muscle disturbances However, the severe nerve disturbances are found in cases of longer duration In early cases, even if severe, they subside after operation, whereas in old cases they do not Therefore, in Basedow's disease, operation should be performed early before the occurrence of irreparable degeneration in the nervous system. In hyperthyroidism, on the other hand, the values always return to normal after operation, a fact indicating that the over-abundant normal secretion in this condition produced only a simple increase in the function of the normal nerves

Electrophysiological studies showed that in hyperathyroidism there is a classical galvanic hyperactahility of the nerve and muscle apparatus, whereas in Basedow's disease there are signs of a beginning degeneration. The latter is indicated also by pathologico-anatomical findings. Moreover, as the eye symptoms associated with Basedow's disease occur also with post-encephalitic changes in the midbrain, Voss helieves that it is not unlikely that they are hased on degenerations in the midbrain. This is indicated also by the fact that, in spite of operation, the eye symptoms regress only in very early cases.

The status neuropathicus described hy Sudeck corresponds to the atypical Basedow disease of Kocher, the forme fruste of Charcot, pseudo-Basedow's disease, and the basedowoid or Chwostek vasocardial neurosis In this condition there is a soft diffuse goiter hut no vascular hruit, and the thyroid tissue is always histologically normal. Thyroidectomy does not come up for consideration

The treatment of the postoperative reaction in Basedow's disease. The pre-operative iodine treatment of Plummer and Boothby has greatly reduced this reaction and the mortality. The reaction occurs in the first forty-eight hours after operation and is characterized by an acute threatening increase of all the Basedow symptoms Its cause is not known There is a high fever which falls by lysis after the second day and is characteristic of all operations for goster Death is an acute cardiac death. The increase in the pulse rate is the manifestation of an increase in the minute volume output of the heart. This as well as the postoperative increase in the metabolism is only the manifestation of an increase in all the vital processes As a result of the prolonged toxic irritation the heart muscle gradually becomes paralyzed Therefore all of the usual treatments fail Voss now includes quinine in the treatment. Payr and Kleinschmidt have recommended the use of quinine hydrochloride in the pre-operative treatment, but it certainly is not so effective as iodine. In paroxysmal tachycardia the intravenous administration of quinine in the form of solvochin reduces the pulse frequency from 180-200 to 100-120 In eighteen cases of Basedow's disease Voss injected solvochin intramuscularly in order to avoid the undesirable by-effects of its intravenous injection An effect was noted in the treatment of the postoperative reaction but not in pre-operative treatment Beginning immediately after the operation, 2 c.cm. of solvochin were given every six to eight hours for the first two days The effect was very favorable as regards the fever and the increased pulse rate as well as the general condition For example, there was no restlessness Voss therefore strongly recommends this treatment

Voss has presented important evidence indicating that hyperthyroidism is to be sharply distinguished from Basedow's disease which is a dysthyroidism (Franz) Paul Starr, M.D

Heim, H: Practical Experiences with the Surgical Treatment of Basedow's Disease (Praktische Erfahrungen mit der chirutgischen Basedow Behandlung) Chirurg, 1935, 7 147

Moderately severe and severe cases of Basedow's disease belong unconditionally under the treatment of the surgeon Division of the treatment of Basedow's disease into pre-operative treatment by the internist and operative treatment by the surgeon is absurd. The surgeon should he responsible also for the pre-operative treatment. In mild cases, complete hed rest, seclusion from visitors, a private room, the use of an ice collar, the application of an icehag to the heart, and the lactovegetarian diet recommended by Blum are often sufficient. In moderately severe and severe cases the pre-operative iodine treatment of Plummer is essential.

In fifty cases reviewed by the author there was only one death, that of a woman who was hurried to operation without pre-operative treatment with nodine The formula for the Lugol's solution used at

the Martin Luther Hospital is as follows tincture of todine, 5 potas jum todide, 10 distilled water to make 100 This solution is stronger than the German Lugol solution and neaker than the American Lugol solution. Beginning with 5 drops three times a day. the dose is increased to in drops three times a day If cardiovascular symptoms are prominent quinine hydrobromide is used. Fyen the most severe cardiovascular disturbances do not contra indicate operation. The therapeutic effect of quantime and other drugs becomes apparent after a few days of sodine treatment. The basal metabolism can be determined with complete china al satisfaction by the use of Read's formula (o 75 X the pul e rate + the blood pressure X 071-72) The absolute height of the basal metabolism is of less significance than its depression under treatment Electrocardiography is not yet well established in Base don a disease and yields too variable results. In half of the cases the blood picture shows a lymphocytosis and a leucopenia and in the other half ap pears normal or shows a leucocytosis. In the cases reviewed by the author the decrease in the polymorphonuclears described by Kocher was not ob served. Of forty five women only nine had normal menstruation. In contrast to Rahm Heim regards operation as indicated in moderately severe cases even at the menopouse. Of the fifty surgically treated patients whose cases are reviewed thirty seven had been treated medically elsewhere-many of them for as long as a seat-without any or at most only transitory, improvement

Indine treatment without subsequent operation is unconditionally to be avoided \tay treatment is inadvisable not only because its value is very ques

isonable but all o because it increases the difficulty of operation by producing sclerosis of the tissues of the neck.

In the cases reviewed operation wa performed usually under full marcosts with an avertin base has recommended by Rahm o 125 gm of avertin was used per kilog am of body weight Intravenous narcosts induced with evipan and eurastron was also found satisfactor. The operative field was pre-burred with alcohol

With regard to the technique of the operation the author states that the low supercisivedur collar in et non was used the vessels of the upper color are to make upon the color pole were legated as near as possible to the junction of the intensor through artery with the carotid a wedge resection leaving a remnant the use of a date was the color pole of the would be upperformed and a that rubber drain was left in the angle of the wound on each side for forty-righ bours.

hours
f ostoperative shock is due not to flooding of the
blood with this road secretion but to the sudden de
crease of that secretion (the hipothyroseme shock
of Bier and Roman). In one of the cases sevened
unitateral paralys s of the recurrent larveged occu-

Of the fifty patients thirty ar regumed the ability to work, mine are still under treatment two are definitely unable to work (one with transform beimplegus and the other with a large moma) two had chincally unsatisfactory results and one died

In conclusion Heim says that ob ervation for from four to an weeks after operation is necessary to determine the result with certainty

(WERVER BLOCK) PAUL STARE MD

# SURGERY OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

# BRAIN AND ITS COVERINGS; CRANIAL NERVES

Jentzer, A.: Urgent Indications for Operation in Recent Closed Traumatic Cranial and Gerebral Injuries (Indications opératoires d'urgence dans les Iksions traumatiques fermées récentes du crâne et de l'encéphale) J de chir., 1935, 46 23

Jentzer presents statistics on 837 cases of head injury. The cases are divided into 6 groups according to the type of treatment used and whether a fracture was present or not. The total mortality was about 40 per cent. The causes of death were cerebral hypertension, hematoma, hemorrhage, bulbar compression, contusion and destruction of cerebral tissue, pulmonary complications, and emboli

The author states that to determine the treatment indicated the patient must be watched closely as progression or persistence of symptoms may indicate immediate surgical interference. When Queckenstedt's procedure is positive, lumbar puncture is dangerous; hence its routine use is to be discouraged.

Trephination of the skull is advisable when (1) coma develops after a lucid interval, (2) there is unlateral mydriasis, (3) localizing neurological signs such as facial paralysis, paralysis of other cranial nerves, changes in the visual field, fixation of the pupil, Babinski's sign, hemispasm, and hemiparesis are observed, (4) unlateral evophthalmos appears, and (5) alarming symptoms such as convulsions, a decrease in reflex activity, slowing of the pulse, failure of the pupillary reaction to light, a rise in the temperature, signs of cerebral hypertension, coma, or persistent stertorous breathing develop

Bilateral treplunation should be done when there is herniation into the wound following or during operation on one side. Ventricular drainage is of value for the relief of pressure. In view of the frequency of lesions by contrecoup, bilateral treplunation is advisable when such lesions are sus-

pected

Occipital trephination is urged for grave cases in which (1) localizing signs are absent, (2) lumbar puncture and Queckenstedt's procedure gives negative results, (3) the symptoms become suddenly worse, and (4) drainage by the temporal route fails to relieve the symptoms

The author regards surgery as advisable under the conditions mentioned because in 117 cases in which autopsy was performed the lesions found were so extensive that the patient could not possibly have heen relieved by non-surgical measures. He believes that surgery is indicated to prevent

1. Neurological sclerosis with consequent disability, dizziness, and headache Bagley and Cushing

contend that the results of "micro-traumatisms' can be lessened by trephination in cases of serious head injury.

2. Edema and changes in the cells of the choroid plexus

3 Various reactions to hemorrhage: (a) hematic intoxication, (b) irritation and compression by hematomas, (c) the formation of a favorable culture medium for bacteria, (d) cranial hypertension and the hypersecrction of cerebrospinal fluid, (e) edema, (f) sympathetic disturbances (congestion, edcma, anemia), and (g) lesions causing no immediate symptoms, such as those due to controcoup

MARSH W POOLE, M D

Wechsler, I. S: Abdominal Pain as a Symptom of Disease of the Brain J Am M Ass, 1935, 105. 647

Wechsler reports twelve cases of intracranial disease in which abdominal pain was a presenting or very prominent symptom. In some of these cases operation was performed in the belief that the symptoms were caused by abdominal disease. The intracranial diseases included cerebral abscess, cerebral tumors of various types, pituitary tumor, arachnitis blocking the ventricular foramina, venous angioma of the brain, and buccal neural pouch cyst

In six cases (seven, if a tumor in the region of the pituitary impinging on the frontal lobe is counted) there was involvement of the frontal lobes, in two each, involvement of the temporal and occipital lobes; and in three, involvement of the cerebellum

or the posterior fossa

Most of the evidence presented points to the cortex and possibly to the frontal, more particularly the premotor, area as the source of neurogenic abdominal pains and indicates that the cortex contains visceral autonomic representation. However, there is also evidence indicating that the hypothalamus and possibly the vagus region may be responsible for the abdominal pains, and that if the cortex is the source, the pain is transmitted by way of lower levels or centers. The symptom cannot be said to have a localizing value though it may point to the frontal portion of the brain.

JOHN WILTSIE EPTON, M D

Bucy, P. C., and Buchanan, D. N.: The Simulation of Intracranial Tumor by Lead Encephalopathy in Children, with Remarks Concerning the Surgical Treatment of the Latter J Am M. Ass., 1935, 105 244

Lead encephalopathy in children may be accompanied by all the signs and symptoms of an intracranial tumor. The authors report three cases in which it was originally diagnosed as a tumor, and

at operation, because of the absence of evidences of tumor, was diagnosed as serous arachnoidins brequent symptoms are increased interturnal tension papilledema, palsy of the external rectus muscles, vomiting, headache, and convulsions. In adults, symptoms liable to be confused with those of

brain tumor are fees likely to occur In children the evidences of leard pussoning which are most common in adults—a lead line on the gums amens, stypicing of the crythrocy tes and peripheral neutrins—are usually absent. Viayor convulsions are are in cases of tumor of the crebellar fossa and may are due largely to recrease. Changes of mentality are due largely to recrease the definition hallierna tions, and delusions frequently occurring in adults with lead energy to the control of the control of the with lead energy to the control of the control of the with lead energy to the control of the control of the control of the with lead energy the court of the control of the control of the with lead energy the court of the control of the

The most important diagnostic and recently described is the roentgen demonstration of lines of increased density at the ends of the diaphyses of the long hones. However there are no positive criteria of lead encephalogists in children

The mortality of lead poisoning in children varies from as to 75 per cent. Sequelx of the condition are frequent and severe Among them are hemi plega, convulsions blindness, paralysis, mental de ficiency, delirum, and melanchola termor, speech defects, and disturbances associated with ce ebral atony and internal hydrocephalis

Medical treatment by deleading is dangerous and usually unnecessary. While convulsions may be controlled the increased intracrantal tension continues in spite of lumbar puncture and the use of hypertonic Johinnos and results in death of sequelar in at least one out of every four cases.

The three cases reported by the authors indicate that decompression by the cerebellar route is the treatment of choice. Two of the pistents who would have had an undavastle prognosis under medical treatment ecovered rapidly after the decompression. The third with less elevation of the pie sure was senously ill for a long time under medical therapy.

Cerebellar decompression allows exposure of the cerebellum in doubtful case without a resulting unaightly scar or protrus on. The authors suggest that subtemprai decompression might be as effective as ecrebellar decompression. This could be performed more easily and quickly but would have the disadvantage of leaving an observe defect in the termoral bone and a disfusioning scar.

FOWARD S PLATE MD

Winkler F Injuries of the Middle Meningeal Artery (Ueber Verletzungen der Artera meningea media) Arch f klin Chr. 1935, 184-133

The author discusses forty cases of tearing of the middle meningeal artery observed at the First Surgical Chric of the University of Vicaria in the period from 1919 to 1934. In all of three cases in which the lesion was caused by a bullet death resulted. Death was due not to a Fernatoma and routeased intra cranial pressure but to destruction of vital centers. All signs pointed to severe injury of the brain 4 diagnosis of associated injury to the modie me mogeal artery could not be made. A very injurial easien was an intradural heristoria associated with the injury of the middle meningical artery. The tear cocurred on the sarer safe of the artery in a Lette.

patient In cases of subdural hematoms the free in real which is characteristic of epidural hematoma is very short and may be enterely absent. Among the forty cases reviewed there were thirteen of strictly epi dural hematoma without severe associated injunes The author discusses for r of the latter in detail. In twelve the injury was manifested by a pressure pulse in seven there was a free interval and in eight, the pupil on the side of the hemorrhage was dilated an I reactionless Because of its frequency in these cases the author believes that dilatation of the pupil on the side of the h-morrhage is an e pe cially important sign According to the h erature dilatation of the pupil on the side of the injury occurs in about half the cases. In twenty three of the cases reviewed by the author the mours of the middle treningeal artery was associated with injury of the skull and beam and the consequent symptoms pre

vented recognition of the humorrhage Of the twelve patients with uncomplicated and dural hematomas, eight were operated upon of the latter seven recovered and one died wheres

of the four who were not operated upon all ded Of twenty four patients with associated brans and skull squares thriteen nere operated upon. Of the inter ten died whereas of the eleen who west poloperated upon all died. These trents four patients had very seerce beam squares and many of them were in a practically mornhund condition when they entered the hopp all.

(LOCTIFE) LEO A JUENER MD

#### SPINAL CORD AND ITS COVERINGS

Porro N Roentgen Exploration of the Subarach nold Space—Myelt graphy (Lesplorazione radiologica dello space sotto-arachnudo-muelograba) Radial med 1245 et 417

The author reviews the reentgenological rethods emboring the substachand space. After citing Dandy's substachand introduction of at and Ebhergs recent reentgenological rachimetry, he discusses the use of opaque substances.

He gives hi reasons for preferring lipsudd to the other oals describes the physiochemical and ply side logical characteristics of lipsudd reviews the contraindications to it u.e. and cites the accessory ple momena's metimes caused by it

The introduction of handed into the subarachused pare will be followed by a normal passage, complete block or partial block

The passage of honodol in the subarachood space is considered normal when the oil traverses the space from one end to the other in a lew minutes. In the

usual position it will collect in a mass with the shape of an inverted cone at the level of the first sacral vertebra. When the patient is maintained in the Trendelenburg position it will finally reach the lateral ventricles. Little or no significance should be attributed to the arrest of small particles of lipiodol at any level. This is probably due to adherence to the roots or meningeal folds. As a rule such particles can be mobilized by percussion of the vertebral column or cougling The introduction of lipiodol in the subarachnoid space soon after a spinal puncture should be avoided as the diminished distention of the subarachnoid space caused by this procedure usually produces a false arrest of the lipiodol The author advises delaying the injection of lipiodol for five or six days after the puncture

In the presence of complete block the oil usually comes to rest on top of the obstacle. Its usual shape is that of a cap, but occasionally it may assume the shape of the teeth of a saw or a comb. When the lipidol has been introduced from above, the arrest is permanent. When it has been introduced from below it will immediately leave the inferior pole of the obstacle as soon as the patient is returned to the vertical position. A good part of it always remains entangled in the meshes of the inferior pole of the obstacle.

In the presence of partial block, some of the oil traverses the entire space while the remainder comes to rest at the level of block. The arrest may be permanent or transitory. The interpretation of partial blocks is difficult. This is true especially when the figure of the lipiodol is not typical. Under such conditions clinical and biological findings are necessary for proper interpretation. In cases of syringomyelia and those of intramedullary tumor the lipiodol figure is typical. It consists of lateral finger-like prolongations separated by a clear space.

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Adelstein, L. J., and Patterson, G. H.: The Surgical Treatment of Ependymal Glioma of the Spinal Cord. Arch Surg., 1935, 30, 997

Tumors originating from the ependymal cells constitute only a small percentage of the ghomas found in the brain whereas they are among the common parenchymatous tumors of the spinal cord Kernohan, Woltman, and Adson found that of fifty-one verified intramedullary tumors of the spinal cord, 42 per cent were ependymomas The authors report in detail two cases of ependymoma of the spinal cord which came to operation

They state that, in the brain, ependymomas occur most frequently in the posterior fossa near the mid-cerebellar region, probably arising from the roof of the fourth ventricle. Often they grow down through the foramen magnum

Ependymomas arising primarily in the spinal cord are accessible for surgical removal. Association with syringomyelic cavities is characteristic

The differentiation of intramedullary and extramedullary tumors of the cord is often extremely difficult. An intramedullary location is suggested by absence of irritation of the posterior roots, a dissociated waistcoat type of sensory disturbance, and a marked difference in the levels of the various sensory disturbances. In cases of intramedullary tumor, pain is not a common symptom, but root pains may be caused by arachnitis or a tumor arising near the posterior horns. The presence of an intramedullary neoplasm cannot be determined from the length of time the symptoms have been present. Three of Kernoban's patients with intramedullary ependymomas had had symptoms for ten, thirteen, and fourteen years respectively.

In the surgical treatment of ependymal glioma of the spinal cord a wide laminectomy is done, an incision made along the midthoracic aspect of the cord with separation of the posterior columns, and the tumor, which is usually quite firm and encapsulated, removed by careful blunt dissection with the aid of silk traction sutures. The dura is left open for decompression, but the wound is closed tightly to prevent the formation of a cerebrospinal fluid fistula with subsequent fatal infection

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D'Harcourt Got, J., and D'Harcourt Got, M. A Contribution to the Study of Intraspinal Meningo-Exotheliomas (Contribución al estudio de los meningo-evoteliomas intraraquídeos) Actas Soc de cirug de Madrid, 1934, 4 15

The authors report the case of a man twenty-eight years old who, without preceding trauma, suddenly noticed hypesthesia of the right thigh and during the following night had contraction flexures of the leg In a few days the hypesthesia extended to the other leg Weakness of the legs then began and progressed until, on the eighteenth day, the patient was obliged to remain in bed

When he was admitted to the hospital he was suffering from complete spastic paraplegia. The upper limit of the disturbance of sensation was just below the costal arch, that is to say, in the region of the sixth thoracic vertebra. The abdominal and cremasteric reflexes were aboushed. The typical Babinski sign was present. The patellar and Achilles tendon reflexes were exaggerated. There was a marked ankle clonus. The defense reflexes in the lower limbs were very active.

Roentgen examination over the fifth and sixth thoracic vertebræ revealed nothing abnormal. The spinal fluid showed a high content of albumin but a practically normal cell count. This disagreement between the albumin and cell findings indicated a more or less complete subarachnoid block. The Wassermann reaction was negative. Roentgen examination with lipiodol showed retention between the fourth and sixth thoracic vertebræ. The obstruction was not complete as lines of lipiodol passed down at the side of it. At the end of twenty-four hours all of the lipiodol except small amounts retained by a mild adhesive arachnoidits had descended. The diagnosis was spastic paraplegia from compression of

the cord at the level of the fourth to sixth thoracie veriebræ by an intradural but extramedullary tu mor, probably of arachnoid erigin

Operation desclosed a mine red turnor the size of a filbert, adherent to the arachmoid in a slightly right lateral position and not connected with the roots. The patient suffered no shock and made a remarkably rapid recovery dier a rest of two months he was able to return to work.

Microscopic examination showed the tumor to be a meningo-exoliblioma originating from the exolhelium of the arachnoid that is to say of mesodermal origin. It was not connected with the dura mater It contained a large number of cystic cavities.

ALDRES COS MONAN MD

#### PERIPHERAL NERVES

Cosset A, and Bertrand ! The Use of the Spinal Cord as a Heteroplastic Graft for Peripherat herres (La meils épanire utilisée comme grefon hétéroplastique des nerfs périphéragues) # s l et ném 50c noi de tout 1935 01 637

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In an experiment on a dog the authors replaced a portion of the scattle ener by a spinal cord graft Alter six weeks there was marked clinical sing rose ment and respectation was demonstrated by both electrical and histological examination. The authors the single single size of the single size of the size

In the discussion of the report Avran cited a case of gunshot wound in which he used as a graft a human nerve prepared according to Nagcottes method. The graft was obtained from a patient who had been subjected to an amposition a few

minutes previously. Therefore the conditions to such an operation were as good as possible. When the patient was seen again ninetren years liter it was found that the operation had failed. He had been granted compensation for disability of 60 percent.

More also reported a case of failure with the use of a nerve graft taken from a patient subjected

to amputation

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#### SYMPATHETIC NERVES

Levin G I L. The Treatment of Bronchiel Asthma by Dorsal Sympathectomy 4nn Surg

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The only juvenile diabetics who may be bris fitted by planchage energy extension are those who are resistant to modified. This operation raw, he beneficial of there is a marked suppression of the galactose hyperglycemia be ergod. When the diabetic denotes the ergod is symapatical, deep or nothing can be expected from planchage of the modified of the property of the property of the infertion must be ruled out.

In the author's cases the patient is hospitalized for from eight to ten clays belo e the section to insure complete control of the diabetes. The operation is performed under light ethylene anesthesia supplemented by paravertebral blocking of the ninth, tenth, and eleventh dorsal segments and local

infiltration along the line of incision.

The author describes in detail his supradiaphragmatic approach for splanchnic nerve section. His paravertebral incision is made four finger-breadths from the midline. It is begun at the level of the angle of the scapula and curved laterally over the tenth rib or tenth intereostal space for a distance of 5 or 6 cm. Careful incision of the endothoracic lascia then permits easy dissection of the pleura. Before the thoracic chain and splanchnic nerve are excised novocain is infiltrated locally. To prevent regeneration, the major splanchnic nerve is implanted into the distal stump of the tenth intercostal nerve. Special care must be taken to avoid the intercostal veins entering the azygos and hemiazygos veins. The wounds are closed without drainage.

Three cases in which this operation was followed by uneventful convalescence are reported. In one case the quantity of insulin required daily was decreased by 50 units. The author believes that the two other cases were not adequate tests of the method as one was not suitable and in the other the technique of the treatment was faulty.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Lanier, L. H., Carney, H. M., and Wilson, W. D. Cutaneous Innervation: An Experimental Study. Arch. Neurol & Psychiat, 1935, 34

The injection of alcohol into various branches of the medial and lateral antebrachial cutaneous nerves in the left forearm of three subjects resulted in the production of five anesthetic areas

The principal pattern of sensory dissociation revealed by careful outlining of these areas showed a much more extensive loss of thermal sensitivity than of touch or pain sensitivity. Anesthesia to cold was somewhat less extensive than anesthesia to warmth. The outlines for touch and pain were usually very similar.

Sensibility to pain, touch, and cold stimuli began to return to the affected areas at about the same time and advanced distalward at approximately the same rate The return of warmth sensibility was considerably delayed

The thresholds for touch and pain in recovering areas were high at first and gradually returned to a normal level as nerve regeneration proceeded

The ability to localize a stimulus of 15 gm was definitely impaired by cutaneous denervation, despite the operation of auxiliary factors which might have tended to lessen the error of localization as compared with that for normal skin

Two-point discrimination was absent from skin anesthetic to touch stimuli, with maximum separation of the points of the esthesiometer used (80 mm) The two-point limen in areas of deep tactile hypesthesia was practically twice as great as that for normal skin.

The results of the study do not substantiate Head's hypothesis of protopathic and epicritic systems of fibers in cutaneous nerves. Neither the phenomena of sensory dissociation nor the patterns of changes in sensitivity occurring in intermediate and in recovering areas can be explained by this theory.

The sensory dissociations observed point conclusively to the existence of four types of anatomical mechanisms underlying cutaneous sensibility. The most plausible theory seems to be that these mechanisms consist of four groups of nerve fibers, each of which produces a distinct pattern of nervous excitation or action potential wave. The diameter of the fibers is probably an important basis of differentiation of the several groups

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## SURGERY OF THE THORAX

#### CHEST WALL AND BREAST

Fitner E. The Use of 5kin Flaps in Cosmetic Plantic Operations on the Breast (Ucher Ver mendung von Cutislappen bei kusmetis ben Ham maplastiker) Zentralbi f Chir 1935 p 625

The end results of plastic operations on the breast are frequently impaired by relatation of the new supportive apparatus Larger partial resections as well as numerous well known procedures for fixation of the breast are often unable to maintain an initially satisfactory result. As examples the author men tions attschment of the glandular tissue to the pectoral fascia to rib periosteum (Dehner) and to mb cartilage (Girard) and free lastia tran plantation by Goebell's method. It is better therefore to use the skin for the support of the breast flowever.

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For the operative repair of defects elsewhe e ra the body the dermal layer of the skin has been rec ognized by Rehn Lever Rueff and others as suit able This holds and has resistance. From the skin which a removed at every plastic operation on the breast the author forms pedicled dermal flaps which he places one over the other and fixes. Above them, as a third layer he sutures the skin. In its details the operative procedure is carred out according to the pla tic method indicated in the particular case In operating on a small pendulous brea t Estner makes an oval incision around the nipple and dis sects off only the uppermost layers of the skin From the remaining dermal flaps he forms two straps the upper ends of which are pedicled and the lower ends of which are attached at the lower pole of the gland The skin is then closed for correction of a some what larger pendulous breast not requiring reservion the author operates according to the Morestin Lotsch method using the skin for support. In adds tion to the two dermal straps constructed lateralls a third strap is made beneath the argola. All of the straps are formed from the superfluors sam which to usually discarded The usual resection for a very large pendulcus breast - the Lexer Araske opera tion for example-also permits a similar formation of dermal straps

In the Passot and Axhausen procedures the dermal flap constructed beneath the apple is separated in the middle the two halve are fixed one over the other and the skin is sutured over them. Thereby a strong unvielding suspension is obtained (I BILLY ) (I B ERELL) THOWAS H STEVENSON M D

Mensille J G Fatty Tissue Tumors of the Breast try J Cancer 1935 24 70

The author suggests that fat necross and zen thomatous degeneration in the breast arise from fat

tissue and should be classed with I pomas as faity tuste tumors The underlying cause of fat recross and xanthomatous degeneration is believed to be a local disturbance in the haid metabolism produced by secondary factors such as trauma and ischema The tarity of fatty tissue tumors of the breast is evi denced by the fact that only 58 such neoplasms were found among approximately 3 000 breast tumors At times they cannot be differentiated chairally from malignant growths Biopsy and frozen section ex-amination are essential to their diagrassis and treatment I THORESTEE I THERE POOR M.D.

#### TRACHEA, LUNGS, AND PLEURA

Bluben I L. The Working Test as a Clinical Method for Determining the Function of the Lungs 1cta med Scand 1935 Supp 65

Tests made by the author in cases of pulmonary tuberculosis showed that the standard metabolism was normal and independent of the activity ex tension or chaical nature of the process he paral lehim existed between the standard metabolism and the sedimentation reaction or minor elevations of the temperature. On surmosi treatment, such as uni lateral and bilateral pneumotherax theracoplisty, and exercise of the phrenic nerve no change in the standard metabolism occurred in connection a th

the operative therapy

In studies of the carrulation of the blood in the tuberculous lung investigations of the minute vol ume were made with determination of the artenotenous oxygen difference during res, by Grollman's acety lene method in cases of untreated tuberculous cales treated by unilateral pheumothorax cares treated by bilateral pneumothorax and a rate treated by thoracoplasty. The method is not apple cat ie when the vital capacity is only a gliters or le 5 In the cases of untreated tuberculous the figures for minute volume, atilization, and stroke volume nert normal in a case with more severe rulmonary changes utsheation was somewhat increased averag ing 73 e cm In the cases treated by unilateral pneu motherax in which the collapse of the lung was of slight moderate or marked degree there was no change in the runute or stroke volume or utiliza tion In the cases treated by bilateral pneumotho ax and the case treated by thoracoplasty the fig res were normal

In studies of the function of tuberculous lungs determinations were made of the oxygen consump tion at rest under standard conditions and after walking at a speed of 88 steps per minute up and down 3 sets of teps (3 s eps up and 3 steps down) which were placed in a circle with a diameter of 2 5 meters and at equal distances from one another As a rule the test consisted of 20 rounds, but in some cases it was 10 rounds. The oxygen consumption per minute after the evertion was calculated in percentage of the oxygen consumption per minute at rest. The value obtained is called the "relative

ovygen debt "

In the cases of 13 normal men and 18 normal women functional tests made after exercise on the steps for 20 rounds showed a relative oxygen debt of from 0 to 25 per cent. In 10 of 13 cases in which simultaneous determinations were made after 10 rounds the figures were the same as after the 20 rounds, whereas in 3 cases they were somewhat lower. In the majority of the cases there was a relative oxygen debt of from 10 to 25 per cent after both 10 and 20 rounds When several tests were made on the same person the greatest deviation was 6 per cent There seemed to be no connection between the relative oxygen debt and weight or height comparison of the values obtained for vital capacity with standard vital capacity revealed considerable The average deviation in both men and women values, however, showed good correspondence

The 102 pathological cases in which functional tests were made were divided into the following 4 groups (1) cases without operative treatment, (2) cases treated by pneumothorax, (3) cases treated by thoracoplasty, and (4) cases treated by exeresis of the phrenic nerve. Those of the second group were subdivided into the following 6 subgroups (1) test made before and after insufflation, (2) test made with unilateral pneumothorax, (3) test made with umlateral pneumothorax and after previous treatment of the other lung with gas, (4) test made with seropneumothorax, (5) test made with bilateral pneumothorax, and (6) test made with bilateral pneumothorax with exudate on either side. The case histories and results in each group and subgroups are reported briefly

In connection with each determination of the relative oxygen debt, tests of the vital capacity were carried out. The 2 functional tests are compared. For each patient the vital capacity was calculated in percentage of the standard value. The results usually showed no parallelism between the vital capacity and the relative oxygen debt. The vital capacity is individually variable and may present great differences. Therefore its value as a functional test is considerably reduced. Moreover, under treatment by pneumothorax or thoracoplasty there is a greater reduction of the vital capacity which is out of propor-

tion to the slight dyspnea

The functional tests demonstrated that in nonoperatively treated pulmonary tuberculosis there must be considerable parenchymal injury before respiratory insufficiency develops. The elevated values show good correspondence with the extent of the pulmonary lesions. If one part of the lung is put out of function by a surgical procedure there is a rather rapid increase in the values which rise also with increasing extension of the tuberculous process Moreover, in tissues altered by an exudative process

the relative oxygen debt is less than in productive and productive-exudative forms.

After the insufflation of large amounts of gas the functional test showed higher values when there was a high relative oxygen debt before the insufflation After the induction of pneumothorax there is usually an increase in the oxygen debt Of the author's patients treated by unilateral pneumothorax, 77 per cent showed a respiratory insufficiency. The relative oxygen debt rises with increasing collapse. In contrast to the frequent marked reduction in the vital capacity, the functional test shows a moderate increase which corresponds to the slightness of the dyspnea which is usually present in pneumothorax In bilateral pneumothorax the functional test gives moderate values which are possibly somewhat higher than in unlateral pneumothora. The vital capacity is usually considerably reduced. After cauterization there is often a minor increase in the relative oxygen debt if the compression has been increased

The result of the plastic operations was in every case a marked reduction in vital capacity which for the most part must be ascribed to the immobilization of the chest wall brought about by the operation In 1 case in which there was a simultaneous extension of the pulmonary process, the functional test after the operation showed a definite increase in the relative oxygen debt. In the other cases there was no change In 1 case in which the test was made only after the operation the oxygen debt was 40 per cent Four plastic operations had been performed with marked collapse of the lung Functional tests in cases treated by thoracoplasty yielded values corresponding rather well to those found in cases in which a corresponding degree of compression was

obtained with unilateral pneumothorax

In 3 cases in which everesis of the phrenic nerve was done (elevation of the diaphragm was obtained in only 1), the relative oxygen debt remained un-

changed after the operation

Tests made in cases with seropneumothorax showed that the presence of a large amount of exudate has an influence on the relative oxygen debt. The values rise with the development of fluid and fall with its decrease. The higher values are found with large quantities of exudate. It is possible that the exudate produces a more effective collapse of the lung than pneumothorax alone.

According to Lindblom, pathologico-anatomical studies of the lung expanded after pneumothorax show that there is a decrease in pulmonary function when the nitrogen therapy was complicated by a long-standing exudate. In 3 of 4 cases in the author's series the values for the relative oxygen debt

corresponded fully.

A comparison of the results of the functional test and the patient's present working capacity shows a good correspondence even if the clinical changes are ignored When the functional test is normal the patient usually regains full working capacity. In cases treated by unlateral pneumothorax there was a reduction of the working capacity with an increase in

scopically so that, if necessary, operation may be undertaken at the proper time

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Lioyd M S The Early Classification and Early Diagnosis of Cancer of the Brunchus Ven England J Med 1015 213 101

The author suggests a simple classification of bronchial cancers based on the location of the termor, reviews the important symptoms physical findings roentgen findings and special diagnostic methods employed in the various groups of cases discusses the differential diagnosis and analyzes thirty one

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#### HEART AND PERICARDIUM

Fischer H Advances in the Field of Thorack Surgery The Percendium and the leart (Lottschritte auf dem Gebiete der Tho authurme Bergbeutel und Hers) Februalli f Chr. 1935 P

Since the cautible in as of volhard and Schnie fea on the recognition and treatment of adheves per arditis the indication for the operation of air bolds was not changed. However on account of the sectity of the operation many have adviced against theoremate examined in the surgern confehieved in general in Brauer's thoracotomy. Its forhieved in general in Brauer's thoracotomy, is forled exes that the great peasonism which caution good to car both is on account of its high mortality is not allugation to return the operation comes up the consideration only in very serious securiors which the carbona valuer visitors and the carbonal lamning of in pite of many unsurecent and the lamning of the pite of the carbonal carbonal in the carbonal car

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operation any hydrothorax which is present should be treated by drainage The late results depend essentially on the condition of the heart muscle As a rule heart function is still good when chest-wall symptoms are prominent Absence or mildness of chest-wall symptoms indicates that the heart is not strong enough to pull the chest wall in even though adherent to it.

While simple thoracotomy is usually not sufficient, a two-stage operation with later cardiolysis is to be strongly recommended Brauer's cardiolysis alone seldom results in cure as accretio and concretio cordis are usually associated The author reviews the pericardiectomies which have been performed since Paessler's contribution Experience has shown that recurrences do not develop if the, pericardiectomy is done in the right plane. In the estimation of the late results the extent of permanent damage from the congestive condition must he considered, and Paessler's observation that in many cases severe pericarditis has a rheumatic hasis due to chronic foci of infection in the teeth and tonsils should be horne in mind The removal of foci of infection is absolutely essential

To prevent serious injury of the function of the heart the diagnosis must be established promptly The diagnosis still presents difficulties A new procedure for recognition of the condition is the pneumotachography described by Hochrein This method may be of value in the differential diagnosis also in cases in which, in spite of the absence of chinical manifestations, the roentgenogram shows marked calcification of the layers of the pericardium

With regard to the cause of pericarditis Fischer cites Paessler's theories According to Goetze, the condition may be of traumatic origin, the result of an organized hematoma For partial pericardial adhesions French surgeons recommend phrenic exeresis Fischer believes that freezing of the nerve should

always he tried before section

In discussing the treatment of pericarditis, Hitzenberger warns that too rapid emptying of the pericardial effusion may lead to accidents. He advises posterior puncture through the pleura When this is done the effusion can slowly trickle into the pleural space and damage to the heart lying against the anterior chest wall is avoided

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Pinchin, A. J. S., and Morlock, H. V.: Lung Abscesses and Their Treatment. *Lancet*, 1935, 228 1369

The usual division of lung abscesses into acute and chronic types is an inadequate basis for treatment. The authors therefore classify them into the following four groups. (1) the pre-abscess stage of pneumonitis, (2) pyogenic abscesses, (3) putrid or spirochetal abscesses, and (4) multiple abscesses. Any one of these may be also of the gangrenous type

On X-ray examination the simple abscess is manifested at first by a homogeneous shadow in the lung field This may clear up, but later a darker circular area, due to cavitation, is usually seen in the center At this stage there are the following three possibilities (1) the cavity may close after drainage and the area of pneumonitis may disappear, (2) the area showing the cavity may rapidly extend until the whole area affected by pneumonitis becomes a cavity (liquefactive or simple gangrenous type), and (3) the cavity may remain, but may be surrounded by a condensed area seen as a limiting ring The putrid or spirochetal type of abscess, if primary, breaks down rapidly It presents a roentgen picture similar to that of the acute spreading pyogenic type but the patient's general condition is worse However, if the spirochetal infection is secondary to a pyogenic abscess, there is often a primary localizing reaction and the progress of the lesson may be less acute

A patient with lung abscess is usually very ill, with a high temperature, a rapid pulse, and expectoration Loss of morale is often a marked feature of the condition. When pus is discharged, the temperature and pulse rate decrease. A continuously high or rising pulse rate usually indicates a spreading type of abscess with an unfavorable prognosis unless surgical treatment is given. In cases of simple abscess in its earlier stages there may be periods of normal temperature and no sputum which give the erroneous impression that healing has occurred. In cases of the gangrenous type of abscess there is

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For diagnosis, bronchoscopic investigation is essential in every case. This will reveal the position and type of the abscess and the presence of a foreign body, growth, or pressure obstruction. In some cases in which an abscess is suggested clinically but the roentgenogram is negative, bronchoscopic examination with lipiodol has proved the presence of an abscess. If surgical intervention becomes necessary, the exact position of the abscess must be known. Moreover, if postural drainage is to be employed it will not be efficient unless the bronchus which is draining the abscess is determined.

As treatment, the authors advocate the use of the bronchoscope even in the pre-abscess stage of pneumonits Bronchoscopic drainage with the instillation of 10 per cent gomenol oil in olive oil or lipiodol

and lavage with normal saline solution is often successful in causing resolution at this stage. To wait for an incipient abscess because it may resolve is to risk the formation of a large abscess before it is realized No harm can result from bronchoscopic treatment if it is done properly. In gangrenous abscess of either the spirochetal or pyogenic type, medical or bronchoscopic treatment is useless. It is also dangerous because of the delay it causes Bronchoscopy should be done first to fix the site of the abscess with lipiodol and then again the day before the operation to empty the cavity in order to prevent postoperative inhalation of the abscess contents This drainage results in a marked temporary improvement in the patient's condition, but does not obviate the necessity for surgical treatment cases of simple pyogenic abscess, bronchoscopic drainage will usually effect a cure The number of treatments required may range from two or three in acute cases to from fifty to sixty in chronic cases The authors emphasize the necessity for absolute rest and a sanatorium regime whether the treatment is by postural or bronchoscopic drainage. In chronic cases, bronchiectasis may complicate the picture Even in these, the patient may be kept fairly well by occasional lavage

These principles in the treatment of lung abscess must be modified according to the site of the lesion. The apical upper lobe abscess, which is fairly common, is difficult to drain by either bronchoscopic or surgical treatment and, unlike abscesses lower down, cannot be compressed by a good amount of healthy lung. However, with the use of a curved spring steel stilette in a gum-elastic catheter and the operating bronchoscope, drainage may sometimes be accomplished. In the peripheral type of abscess there is danger of empyema. Mid-zone abscesses and abscesses in the hilus region are usually suitable for bronchoscopic drainage. For basal abscesses, which are difficult to diagnose and treat, bronchoscopic

dramage is the procedure of choice

When bronchoscopic drainage fails surgical measures are indicated. The most suitable cases for surgical drainage are those in which the bronchus of drainage is the dorsal branch of the lower lobe bronchus which supplies a posterior area and the wall of which is below the scapula. The mortality of lobectomy has been high, but with improvement in the techniques this operation may become the treatment of choice for lower and middle lobe abscess complicated by residual bronchiectasis. Phrenic avulsion is not recommended since, because of kinking of the bronchus, drainage is not so free after this operation. The induction of artificial pneumothorax usually means the production of an unlocalized empyema and is not used except perhaps in cases of abscess in the region of the hilus.

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Lloyd M S The Early Classification and Early Diagnosis of Cancer of the Bronchus Vew England J Med 1935 273 101

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operation any hydrothorax which is present should be treated by drainage. The late results depend essentially on the condition of the heart muscle. As a rule heart function is still good when chest-wall symptoms are prominent. Absence or mildness of chest-wall symptoms indicates that the heart is not strong enough to pull the chest wall in even though adherent to it

While simple thoracotomy is usually not sufficient, a two-stage operation with later cardiolysis is to be strongly recommended Brauer's cardiolysis alone seldom results in cure as accretio and concretio cordis are usually associated. The author reviews the pericardiectomies which have been performed since Paessler's contribution Experience has shown that recurrences do not develop if the, pericardiectomy is done in the right plane. In the estimation of the late results the extent of permanent damage from the congestive condition must be considered, and Paessler's observation that in many cases severe pericarditis has a rheumatic basis due to chronic foci of infection in the teeth and tonsils should be borne in mind The removal of foci of infection is absolutely essential

To prevent serious injury of the function of the heart the diagnosis must be established promptly The diagnosis still presents difficulties A new procedure for recognition of the condition is the pneumotachography described by Hochrein This method may be of value in the differential diagnosis also in cases in which, in spite of the absence of clinical manifestations, the roentgenogram shows marked calcification of the layers of the pericardium

With regard to the cause of pericarditis Fischer cites Paessler's theories According to Goetze, the condition may be of traumatic origin, the result of an organized hematoma For partial pericardial adhesions French surgeons recommend phrenic exeresis Fischer believes that freezing of the nerve should always be tried before section

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#### MISCELLANGOUS

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# SURGERY OF THE ABDOMEN

## GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT

Anagnostidis, N: Volvulus of the Stomach (Volvulus de l'estomac) Rev de chir, Par, 1935, 54 515

After reviewing the history of volvulus of the stomach the author reports a case of the condition. In this case the spleen, which was very large, was found in the right lower quadrant of the abdomen and the stomach was rotated 180 degrees from left to right. Along the lesser curvature of the stomach there was a gangrenous area. The spleen was removed, the stomach rotated back into place, and the gangrenous area resected. The patient died eight hours later.

In the literature the author has been able to find reports of 116 cases of volvulus of the stomach. Sixty-three of the subjects were women The incidence of the condition was highest (28 per cent) between the ages of forty-one and fifty years

All or only a part of the stomach may be rotated Partial torsion involves only the pyloric end. The torsion may be: (1) around the axis from the pylorus to the cardia, the so-called organo-axial or pyloro-cardiac volvulus, (2) around the axis from the greater to the lesser curvature, the so-called mesenterico-axial volvulus or volvulus on the axis of the lesser curvature, or (3) of a mixed type. Of 108 cases in which the volvulus was described in detail, it was of the organo-axial type in 57 (527 per cent), of the mesenterico-axial type in 45 (416 per cent), and of the mixed type in 6 (55 per cent).

In the organo-axial type the greater curvature may turn forward and upward. When the torsion reaches 180 degrees the posterior wall of the stomach comes into contact with the anterior abdominal wall. This is called an "anterior" or "isoperistaltic" volvulus. Less frequently the torsion is in the opposite direction, a "posterior," "antiperistaltic" or "anisoperistaltic" volvulus. In the mesenterico-axial volvulus the pylorus usually moves forward and to the left while the cardia moves posteriorly and to the right. Less frequently, the pylorus moves posteriorly and to the left, and the cardia forward and to the right.

Volvulus of the stomach is associated with occlusion of the orifices of the stomach, venous congestion, distention of the organ, a sero-anguinous peritoneal exudate, and occasionally gangrene and perforation

The etiology is not clear. In 43 9 per cent of the 116 cases recorded in the literature the condition was described as idiopathic. Predisposing factors are a rapid loss of weight with relaxation of the abdominal wall, nervousness, pregnancy, gastric atony, congenital or acquired abnormal mobility of the stomach and colon, inflammatory adhesions, diaphragmatic hernia, gastric neoplasms and ulcers, and displacements of neighboring organs

Symptomatically, the condition may be classified as acute, chronic, or intermittent. Acute volvulus is associated with the following signs and symptoms:
(1) a desire to vomit without being able to do so;
(2) gaseous distention limited to the gastric area; and
(3) the impossibility of passing an esophageal sound or a stomach tube into the stomach. The condition occurs suddenly with intense pain localized in the epigastrium. As a rule it is accompanied by elevation of the diaphragm, displacement of the heart,

dyspnea, and signs of shock Chronic volvulus is usually partial, involving only the pyloric end of the stomach. The symptoms are those of long-continued indigestion suggestive of

ulcer, gastritis, or carcinoma.

In the intermittent type of gastric volvulus the clinical picture consists of a series of attacks similar to, but less intense than, those occurring in the ordinary acute type

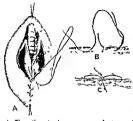
The diagnosis is usually easy if the condition is borne in mind. The treatment is surgical

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Martzlott, K. H., and Suckow, G. R.: Wound Healing After Anterior Gastro-Enterostomy. II The Fate of Mucosal Inclusions and Their Prevention: Description of a New Suture Technique. An Experimental Study in Dogs. .1rch. Surg., 1935, 31 10

The results obtained by the authors in experiments on twenty dogs confirm their previous observation that suture methods which tend to evert the mucosa into the line of apposition in gastro-intestinal anastomoses cause mucosal inclusions with appreciable These inclusions persist, as they were frequency found ninety days after the operation, and when they do not establish a communication with the gastro-intestinal lumen they may form cysts of considerable size In some specimens these inclusions were accompanied by inflammatory phenomena after a ninety-day period of healing, whereas anastomoses not complicated by mucosal eversion showed almost complete absence of inflammatory phenomena after a healing period of twenty days or less

The authors describe a simple and practical two-layer anterior suture method which avoids eversion of the mucosa and trauma to the mucosal margins and at the same time controls capillary oozing and permits rapid and uncomplicated healing. This procedure, which they have not seen described before, is a two-layer serosubmucosal suture. The catgut suture (No oo plain) used posteriorly as the innermost layer is continued anteriorly as the innermost anterior layer to unite the stomach and intestine. The suture is carried on a fine curved or straight intestinal needle which is always directed.



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obliquely toward the cut edge of the opening and in the direction of the unmitured defect. The needle i introduced about o 5 cm from the cut edge of the viscus and penetrates only to the outermost lavers of the aubmucosa. It is brought out at the cut edge of the viscus so that it pierces the muscularis and avoids the cut edge of the mucosa When the suture is tensed, it brings the cut edges of stomach and in testine together as shown in the illustration. Further tension inverts the serosa, and still further inversion is effected by a row of Halsted silk mattress utures which complete the procedure. For the posterior suture the method is impracticable because it does not produce sufficient bemostasis and is difficult to place accurately For this stage of the anastomosis the usual through and through circular suture or the lockstitch is recommended as these do not cau e the undesirable complications that may occur in the anterior suture

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ARTHUR S W TOUROUF M D

England F and Wahlgren F A Clinical Case of Optoid Pneumatosis of the Intestines (Fall von I neumatosis cystondes intestionum beim liten achen) Acta chirarg Scand, 1933-76 60;

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The authors discuss the thin cal picture pathogenesis and diagnos s of the disease. They believe with residend that the condition is due to infection

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There is nothing in the clinical picture of evision pneumatosis of the intestines that is especially that acteristic. In all of the cases reported berefore the diagnosis was made at operation or autopsy. However in isolated cases the condition may be suspected when a firm elastic tumor without all mess over it can be enhanced in the abdomen

The gas formations frequently occur in mobile portions of the intestine which in the upright posture become di placed upward between the liver and the disphragm. The condition may produce in testinal stenoses or ileus or may be manifested by the syndrome of free gas in the abdomen

The author reports a case in which the diagnosis was made by reentgen examination. In the felt flank between the crest of the ilium and the cost arch there was a gas containing area shout the use of the palm of the band which had a peculiar sheelm structure and showed everywhere, up to the subpernoneal layer of fat in the flank a completely amouth undrorm fine of demactation. The disparshays was confirmed on resection of the involved portion of infesting.

Miller R and Gage H C Chronic Duodenal Ileus in Infancy and Childhood Lance 1935 220 185

The authors decise herence disodered hiese decided arts once enterior compression as a cause of symptoms in early life. They believe that the gestine appropriate and the congression and gestine distertion and that gestine appropriate and the congression and gestine distertion and that gestine distertion is the cause of the more urpert symptosis of obsyruction even in the cases of newborn infast The womitting of bile is exceptional. The children of the constraints of the constraints of the section of the case of the section of the constraints.

are frail and underweight. The chief symptoms are a persistent lack of appetite and periodical attacks of vomiting. A rather characteristic symptom is becop There is a tendency toward diarrhea rather than constipation. The most characteristic physical sign is protuberance of the upper part of the abdomen due to the enlargement and hypertrophy of the stomach Roentgenographic examination serves to distinguish between complete and incomplete duodenal obstruction and excludes the pylorus as the site of the obstruction. For the best results from roentgen examination the opaque meal must be considerably larger than that usually employed for children of the same age and marked gastric dilatation must be relieved before the examination is undertaken

In discussing the cases of newborn infants the authors state that absence of bile in the vomitus does not exclude the presence of chronic duodenal ileus, and the persistent presence of an excess of mucus in the vomitus in a case of chronic vomiting signifies obstruction at the pylorus or in the duodenum. In the roentgen examination the opaque meal should he large and given immediately after the stomach has been thoroughly washed out Serious vomiting can he stopped hy gastric lavage For this purpose the authors use a dilute solution of sodium bicarbonate. They state that gastric lavage should be done at first every twelve hours, hut when the washings have become clearer the intervals may he increased to twenty-four, thirty-six, and fortyeight hours. Thereafter, lavage should be done every two or three days for about three months

In late infancy and early childhood, constant hiccup, enlargement and protrusion of the stomach, visible peristalsis, and a persisting splashing suggest These conditions can be stasis and obstruction demonstrated by roentgen examination with an opaque meal. In the treatment of the ileus it is essential to separate ingested fluids from solid food as much as possible and the meals should be well spaced apart. A mixed diet slightly low in fat should be given The food should he minced and as dry as is palatable Fluids should he given about three hours after meals In the early stages a mixture containing 1/2 drachm of glycothymolin, rhuharb, and soda is of great value. Later, hydrochloric acid drinks may be allowed with meals The use of paraffin as an aperient should be avoided Massage and ultraviolet light may be helpful Exercise and fresh air are beneficial. As a rule operation is not advisable The prognosis is good

EMIL C ROBITSHEK, M D

Romualdi, P.: External Duodenal Fistula. A Clinical Study Based on 137 Cases, Including 4 Personal Cases (La fistula duodenale esterna. Studio clinico-critico basato su 147 casi di cui 4 personali) Riv osped, 1935, 13

Of the 137 fistulas reviewed by the author, 7 were spontaneous and 130 followed operation. The treatment and results are summarized in a table

In 503 per cent of the cases the fistula followed disease of the stomach or duodenum; in 382 per cent, disease of the biliary tract; in 94 per cent, a right nephrectomy; and in 7.5 per cent, appendicitis or an unrecognized condition

Factors of great importance in the pathogenesis of duodenal fistula are sutures of poor quality, sepsis in the field of operation, and obstruction in the duodenum. Obstruction may be due to the disease for which the operation was performed. From his clinical and physiological observations the author concludes that the pancreatic juice is not a cause of the formation of duodenal fistulas and that drainage, if properly done, is of only secondary importance in their development. He states that the factors mentioned do not explain all cases. It is possible that in some cases of operation for septic disease, acute appendicitis for example, an embolus originating from the field of operation may cause perforation of The pathogenesis of certain late the duodenum fistulas is entirely unexplained.

An external duodenal fistula causes changes in the blood similar to those occurring in intestinal occlusion, that is, total hypochloremia, retention of urea nitrogen, and increasing alkalosis

Total loss of gastric juice or pancreatic juice is fatal. When the loss of either or both of these fluids reaches a certain point, which is not definitely known, death results. In some fatal cases the loss of fluid and sodium chloride responsible for the blood picture is not sufficient to explain death although the administration of water and salt prolongs life.

The mortality in the 137 cases reviewed was 31.8 per cent Contrary to the opinion of many, the external duodenal fistula usually tends toward spontaneous cure As in the great majority of cases it follows a surgical procedure, it is best prevented by care in operation. Its treatment may he conservative or surgical. In serious cases in which it is necessary to stop the loss of digestive fluid at once the best method is direct suture of the fistula. If this fails or if it would he too severe a tax on the patient's strength, some other type of operation may be done. The procedure of choice is probably that of Berggastro-enterostomy with exclusion of the pylorus. This, however, is only palliative.

The cases may be divided into mild, severe, and chronic The mild cases, which are in the majority, tend toward cure. In severe cases direct suture of the fistula is hest, but in some of them Berg's operation or intubation may be indicated. In chronic cases exclusion of the fistula should be tried first and if this fails, direct suture should be done. In severe cases the chlorine halance should be restored by the administration of large amounts of physiological salt solution

Audres Goss Morgan, M.D.

Zobel, A. J., and Susnow, D. A.: Melanosis Coli: Its Clinical Significance. Arch Surg., 1935, 30. 974.

Melanotic pigmentation of the large intestine has heen observed only occasionally. In 1858, Virchov.

on the basis of his autopsy observations applied the term 'melanosis coli to the condition Sigmoido scopic examination shows that the pigmentation of the roucosa varies widely in different persons. It is usually some shade of brown ranging from a light almost gray, tone to a deep tark hue, almost inky black. It tends to be deepest in the cecum and as cending colon Frequently there is an associated mucous cours The appearance of the mucosa of the bowel has been compared to that of snake sim eroc odile hide tiger skin and a cross section of natmeg Microscopic examination shows that the pigment is confined largely to the stroma of the mucous mem brane where it lies in the cytoplasm of the large mononuclear cells In mild cases it is usually in the mucosai viili

The pigment is generally believed to be a true melanin or melanin like substance lin how suc gested that it might have a hematogenous origin Recently Borkus investigated the englorical relationship of the anthracene lavatives to melanosis cols. He concluded that these laxatives rather con tain or elaborate within the bowel a pigment which is phagocytized by the deep mucosal rells with the resulting production of melanosis coli. Constinution and chronic intestinal stasis appear to be predis-

postne factors

Of 200 nationts subjected to sigmoidoscopic ex amination the authors found melanous cole in 7 (a s per cent) All of the 7 had suffered from con stipation and had taken cascara apgrada over a long

period of time

The nigmentation usually partly disappears when the anthracene lavatives are stooped and proper diet and medication are instituted. Melanosis coli is not injurious to health JOHN IS NATUR MED

Dominici, L. The Surgery of the Colon Exclusive of Operations for Tumors and Cysts and on the Appendix (La chirurgia del colon esclusi i tumon le custs e I appendice? Arch stal do cher 2034 35 783

Dominics reviews briefly our knowledge of the physiology of the colon and then takes un in con siderable detail the various pathological conditions

of the colon and their treatment

For congruital and acquired malformations of the colon-adhesions membrares malpositions and maldevelopments-be advises expectant treatment for a time and if this fails operation. In discussing meracolon he calls attention to the successful results sometimes obtained by lumbar sympathectoms With the exception of this procedure colectomy with or without preceding entero abastomosis is the most satisfactory treatment of true megarolon

Dolichocolon in it ell requires no treatment but if it causes severe constitution or crises of pain re section should be performed as a rule. In some cases

however colectomy is preferable

In stenosis enteroplasty may be successful, but in some cases anastomosis or colectomy may be necessary

For spastic colon the author recommends er clusively medical treatment

Intestinal stasis must be treated according to the cause The latter may be mechanical or functional In cases of chronic intestinal stasis due to mechanical or anatomical causes surgery has an important place The nature of the obstruction may present a complicated diagnostic problem. In general, functional stasis hes outside the field of surgers, vet an eases in which it progresses under recipial man agement operation as a palliative mea use should be con idered

Injuries of the colon are in general surexal emergencies and usually have a high mortality. The

author discusses particularly injuries to the rectum from compressed air

Cobits requires much more study. Acute colius which is not an acute surgical emergency or complicated by peritonitis i., best freated by appendicustomy or preferably, colostomy. In chronic coluis permarent colos ony usually yields the best re sults. In exceptional ca es resection of the colon may be indicated

The author discus es in considerable detail in flammations of the colon, pa tirularly tuberculous anfiammation. He states that in ulcerative tuber culous colitis entero-anastomosia is often menented by the difficulty in finding healthy to sue for suture Therefore simple laparatoms may be the only procedure possible. In ca es of multiple localmed le sions enterganastomo is or cecostomy may be per formed

In localized tuberculosis with hypertrophy the operation of choice is resection. However, before this operation is undertaken the general condition should be considered. In an exceptional case of enteroperatorates radical removal may be indicated but as a rule a policative side tracking proced re is preferable

In discussing diverticulities and diverticulous the author states that when the diverticula are not in flamed or perforated they should be left alone When operation is indicated resection is preferable to a minor palliative procedure

For volvulus and invagination of the colon be recommends early resettion

Polyposis is best treated according to its cau e In parasitic polyposis the treatment should be specific In the inflammatory type some ade tracking operation with lavage of the colon is ad visable in localized essential polypous exercis or electrocoagulation is indicated for general poly posis there is no worths hi's treatment

The rest of the article deals with the technical aspects of surgers of the colon especially symps thectoms for megaculon and dolichocolon

ELGEVE T LEGOY MD Orley, A The Roentgenological Diagnosis of the

Diseased Appendix Bril J Radi I 1915 8 457 The bismuth filled append x was demonstrated by Beclere as early as 1905 For roentgenological examination of the appendix the patient must be properly prepared 'Thorough evacuation of the appendix by a suitable purgative given either before or with the barium meal is essential. Manual palpation under the screen should be done and followed

by roentgenography

Three types of appendices are described the fetal form, inserted in the lower pole of the cecum, an appendix with a similar insertion but a uniformly narrow lumen, and the usual form inserted at the inner side of the cecum. The appendix may vary from 2 to 12 in in length, but frequently the short appendix is due to kinking or disease The motility of the appendix can often be studied fluoroscopically As the normal appendix is freely movable, fixation is of important diagnostic significance Tenderness of the ileocecal region is not pathognomonic of disease of the appendix, but tenderness over the visualized appendix or, when the appendix is not visualized, over the inner border of the cecum and moving with the cecum, constitutes the most dependable diagnostic finding. Other important roentgen findings are various deformities of the lumen, kinks, and fixation These are of clinical importance when accompanied by a functional disturbance and especially Appendicular when associated with tenderness stasis, also an important finding, usually involves the distal portion of the appendix and may be associated with stasis of the cecum either primarily or secondanly Although non-filling of the appendix is sometimes caused by non-pathological conditions, it is frequently indicative of appendiceal disease The most pronounced pathological changes are found in the group of appendices which are not visualized on repeated examinations after proper preparation of the patient EARL E BARTH, M D

Titone, M.: Changes in Gastric Function in Relation to Appendicitis (Modificazioni della funzionalita gastrica in rapporto con l'appendicite) Archital di chir., 1935, 40 i

The author reports a study of gastric function made both before and at least twenty days after appendectomy in twenty cases of appendicitis From his findings he concludes that when there is no inflammation around the stomach or duodenum, the gastric disturbances in appendicitis are related to a disturbance of the vagosympathetic system caused and maintained by a usually subacute or chromic inflammation involving not only the appendix but also some other abdominal organ, as a rule an organ in the right side of the abdomen. This disturbance, which is often favored by a constitutional condition (vagotonia), produces a gastric syndrome based usually on hyperchlorhydria and hypermotility, but sometimes, though infrequently, on hypochlorhydria and hypomotility

When the symptoms are caused by hyperchlorhydria and are maintained by inflammation of the appendix, simple appendectomy gives good results if it is performed early

EUGENE T LEDDY, M D.

Lockhart-Mummery, J. P., and Lloyd-Davies, O. V.: The Operative Treatment of Fibrous Stricture of the Rectum. Brit J. Surg., 1935, 23, 19

Simple or fibrous strictures of the rectum can be divided roughly into two main types, tunnel stric-The fibrous type result tures and ring strictures from the contraction of scar tissue caused by injury or severe inflammation in the rectal wall or the tissues immediately around it. The contracting scar may be localized at one particular part of the rectum and may be the result of accidental or operative trauma, a localized ulcer or abscess, or a general inflammation of the rectum and surrounding tissues Any of the ordinary types of septic infection may account for it, also certain more or less specific types of infection such as gonorrheal infection of the rectum, tertiary syphilis, and lymphangitis inguinale However, it is now generally agreed that syphilis is a very rare cause and that antisyphilitic treatment seldom results in improvement Whatever the cause, the condition confronting the surgeon is the late result of an old inflammation

To ascertain the type and extent of the stricture it is usually advisable to induce low spinal anesthesia and then partly to dilate the stricture so that its upper limits can be explored and the condition of the bowel immediately above it ascertained. As a rule a fine-bore sigmoidoscope can be passed through the stricture. Great care must be exercised not to split the rectal wall and set up a perirectal inflammation. Before any operative attack upon the stricture the severe local sepsis must be cleared up so far as possible. The stricture should be dilated as much as is safe and treated by frequent douching with mild antiseptics. In severe cases, a preliminary temporary colostomy will be necessary.

## ANNULAR DIAPHRAGMATIC STRICTURES

In cases of annular diaphragmatic stricture the choice of treatment will depend largely on the situation of the stricture If it is located at the anus or in the lower part of the rectum, below the peritoneal reflection, it can be dealt with comparatively easily. The best method is internal proctotomy and dilata-The stricture is nicked with a blunt-pointed knife in several places posteriorly and laterally, but not anteriorly, and then rapidly dilated up a diameter of 1 in with metal dilators. The rectum is then washed out with an antiseptic solution and partly filled with sterilized vaseline. A large rectal tube of I in in diameter is inserted into the rectum to a point beyond the stricture site and left in position for two days Thereafter the stricture is kept dilated by first daily and then neekly and finally monthly dilatations.

The results of internal proctotomy are excellent and permanent if the patient will endure the inconvenience of dilating the site of the stricture long enough to counteract the tendency toward recurrent contraction in the scar tissue This method is not applicable when the stricture is very high up and near or above the peritoneal reflection, as under such

conditions it would be associated with serious risk of tearing the bowel into the free peritoneal cavity of tearing the power into the free personneal tavely. High strictures are hest treated by resection or colostomy or by the author's new plastic method

## TUNNEL STRICTURES

Tunnel strictures cannot be dealt with by in ternal proctotomy Dilatation of such strictures is teruat proceeding the alternatives are permanent colostomy resection of the strictured portion of the rectum, and, in suitable cases the operative method described by the authors In most cases the first

step is a temporary colostomy

The best method of resecting a rectal stricture is the operation devised by Hartmann After removal of the coccyx the rectum is exposed through a of the cocc) x the rectum is exposed through a posterior incision. The bone is then divided above the stricture and dissected out to the skin margin at the anus with care to avoid injury to the sphincter The proximal end of the colon is brought down and fixed to the skin at the anal margin

The chief difficulty in this operation is to get the parts sufficiently free from sepsis However, 2 pre lumnary colostomy followed for some weeks or months by frequent irrigation of the strictured howel from the lower colostomy opening will often clear up the septic condition enough to make resec tion possible Even then the operation is difficult because of the perifectal inflammatory scar tissue NEW TECHNIQUE

The new procedure described by the authors was devised by them as an alternative to Hartmann's method of resecting the stricture. It has the ment of being both safer and simpler but is applicable only to cases in which free access to the strictured site is possible As it does not involve opening of the pentoneal cavity it is very much safer than a re peritoneal cavity it is very much saier than a re used was that of a woman thirty two years old who developed a severe rectal stricture following a dif ficult delivery After various unsuccessful attempts to dilate the stricture 2 colostomy was performed in the pelvic colon Later the patient was very de in the pervice colors and of the colostomy opening. Ex amination revealed a tubular stricture 3 in in length in the middle and upper part of the rectum The mucous membrane hinning the structure was ulcerated but the membrane above and below the uncession was normal. The ulceration was healed in three weeks by the introduction of 4 oz of 2 5 per cent suspension of bismuth subgallate in cotton seed oil into the lover colostomy opening each right and washing through it each day a solution made by adding r drachm containing equal parts of sodium chloride sodium hicarbonale and boric acid powder The operation was performed under spinal anes With the patient in the Sims position the rectum was first thoroughly washed out with a weak rectum was man tunnoughty washied this name a work antiseptic solution. An incision was then made in the midine posteriorly from a point over the lower part of the sacrom to a point just behind the anal

orthice The cocci x was excised and the post rectal fascia divided The rectum was then freely mobi hzed by stripping it from the pelvic wall on each side. The division of a considerable amount of dense fibrous tissue was necessary before the rectal stric ture could be brought down. The stricture was divided longitudinally into the rectum the incision being extended into healthy bowel both above and below the narrowed portion The rectum was then drawn open with tissue forceps placed on the edges of the rectal wound in the middle of the longitudinal incision. A large robber tube was passed into the retum through the anus so that its upper end was well above the stricture site The incision into the rectum was then closed transversely by interrupted caigut sutures with the Linets on the mucous side and cov ered by a second line of Lembert sutures The lasta was stitched over the line of suture and the sun closed. A small drain was placed in the upper part of the wound The drain was removed after twenty four hours and the rectal tube after four days

A small sunns persisted for a few weeks but ulii as anisas semas personates not a sew mesas one will semanta semanta for semanta semant tion four months later the rectum was found still nell dilated and no sign of stricture was observed The colostomy was closed intrapertionally Today one year after the closure of the colostomy, the function of the bowel is normal

In conclusion the authors state that they have been unable to find any description of a similar operation for fibrous stricture of the rectum. The procedure is much less severe than resection of the rectum and is not particularly difficult. It has the great ment of leaving the patient with a normally functioning rectum and perfect control as there is no damage to the muscles of the anal opening Successful results require the clearing up of all local separations of the same opening and separation openin before the operation is undertaken. A temporary colostumy seems advisable John W Augus MD Hemorrholds and

# Chène P and Dubarry J Hemorholds and Sclerosing Treatment (Hemorhodes et trait ment sclerosant) J de méd de Bordeaux 1935

Before describing their method for the scleroung treatment of hemorrhoods the authors briefly discuss the diagnosis and complications of the condition External hemorrhoids, which are always covered by skin rarely cause chincal manifestation unless the rarely cause thrombosis occurs. Thrombosis is best treated by early radial mession with enucleation of the city Uncompleted internal hemorrhoids are usually accompanied by congestion with proceitis which may be manifested by occasional lancinating pain and pruritis The common complications of internal bemorrhods are hemorrhage and prolapse the lat ter often associated with strangulation and throm bots Examination by inspection, palpation and the wear of the wear then Examination by inspection, paiparuse abed the use of the proctoscope and anoscope is described the use of the proctoscope and anoscope is described. in detail. The diagnosis of the complications is dis custed and methods of conservative freatment especially local applications are reviewed

The authors recommend that the vast majority of internal hemorrhoids and certain irreducible and strangulated prolapsed hemorrhoids be treated by the injection of a solution causing sclerosis The method they use is similar to that described by Bensaude, consisting of the injection of 2 or 3 c cm of a 5 per cent solution of quinine and urea hydrochlonde They prefer to introduce the solution into the submucous tissue around the hemorrhoid rather than into the vein The subsequent fibrosis produces a physiological ligation of the vessel. It is important to avoid injecting the solution too superficially or in the median line either anteriorly or posteriorly The frequency of the injections will vary, but as a rule the authors do not give more than two a week. The number required is likewise variable, in some cases two or three being sufficient whereas in others from eight to twelve are necessary Contraindications are pregnancy and acute local conditions such as fissure and marked inflammation Following the treatments careful examination should be made with the anoscope. The authors stress the fact that the patients may return to work the same day NATHAN I WOMACK, M D the injection is made

## LIVER, GALL BLADDER, PANCREAS, AND SPLEEN

Colp, R., Doubilet, H., and Gerber, I. E.: The Relation of Cholecystitis to Pathological Changes in the Laver. Ann Surg., 1935, 102 202

The relation of inflammation of the gall bladder to concomitant pathological changes in the liver is still a subject of controversy While some believe that cholecystitis is the result of hepatitis, others are of the opinion that the hepatic changes are secondary to the disease of the gall bladder and a third group hold that inflammation of the gall bladder and pathological changes in the liver are independent of each other.

The authors report a study of the relationship of disease of the gall bladder to disease of the liver with special reference to the finer cytological changes in the liver Sections of liver taken from deep within the organ were studied in order to obviate the criticism that sections from the surface cannot be taken as an index of changes occurring throughout the organ The gross pathological changes in the liver. gall bladder, and bile ducts were carefully noted at operation. The gall bladder was aspirated and retrograde cholecystectomy was done when indicated After its removal, the gall bladder was fixed by filling it with formalin and then cut longitudinally tions were studied with the finer staming methods Specimens of liver were taken from the dome of the right or left lobe with the Hoffman biopsy punch at a depth of about 3 cm Over 100 specimens were thus obtained with no untoward effects traceable to the procedure

The authors attribute great importance to changes in the mitochondria in the cells studied The mitochondrial stains were found more reliable in the

demonstration of cell degeneration than hematoxylin and eosin.

In forty cases of cholecy stitis, acute and chronic, in which jaundice was not present at the time of operation no changes in the liver parenchyma were found by the finer cytological studies The hepatic changes in this type of case reported by many were not demonstrated. However, in a series of cases with saundice due to obstruction of the common duct by stone, one case of acute cholangeitis, and seven cases of obstructive jaundice due to a malignant tumor of the biliary tract or the head of the pancreas the process of cell destruction could be verified by the alterations of the mitochondria The changes were observed only in the vicinity of the bile capillary thrombi and were due to changes incident to obstruction. They bore no relationship to the changes occurring in the gall bladder The extensive necrosis of liver cells reported by some observers was not observed in this study.

HARRY W TINK, M D.

Illingsworth, C. F. W.: Carcinoma of the Gall Bladder. Bril J Surg , 1935, 23 4

The surgical importance of carcinoma of the gall bladder, as a grave and generally fatal sequela of calculous cholecystitis, requires no emphasis condition is far from rare At the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary it was found in 0 42 per cent of the autopsies performed and in 2 8 per cent of all cases of malignant disease treated during the last sixteen

All observers agree that a large proportion of the cases are those of women, and that the condition is most frequent between the ages of fifty and sirtyfive years Before the age of forty it is rare

The presence of embryonic rests has rarely been suggested as a cause of carcinoma of the gall bladder except in connection with the uncommon squamouscell epithelioma, and even this tumor can be explained more convincingly on other grounds That simple papillomas bear an important relationship to carcinoma is highly improbable However, there are rare cases of multiple papilloma which appear to form an intermediate link between the simple tumor and the papillary type of malignant growth. definite relationship between gall stones and carci-noma of the gall bladder is very evident. The risk of the development of carcinoma in patients with calculous cholecystitis is great. From the clinical standpoint, therefore, the aim must be to prevent the occurrence of carcinoma by early operation for gall stones Since carcinoma may arise even after removal of the stones, the only certain method of prevention is cholecy stectomy

A recent summary of all of the literature on the experimental production of carcinoma of the gall bladder which was made by Burrows indicates the need for caution in assessing previous experimental The claims of certain investigators that they have produced carcinoma of the gall bladder experimentally cannot be regarded as substantiated

There are four principal types of carcinoma of the gall bladder which may be distinguished from each other fastly readily by either gross or microscopic reamination. These are (1) are hous carcinoma (2) papillary carcinoma, (3) mucod or celloid carcinoma, and (4) squamous cell carcinoma or entheltoma.

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SAMUEL KARN M B

Branch C D and Cross R E Aberrant I morrestic Tissue in the Castro Intestinal Tract A Report of Themty Four Cases Arch Surg. 1933 37 1700

The di covery of aberrant princreatic tissue at operation or autispay has been reported periodically since such issue was first described by Libbi in 1850. The literature to date contains resurds of approximately 200 cases. The authors reports 25 cases in which the aberrant issue was found in various locations in the will of the gastro intestinal favorines.

In the majority of the cases reported previously the aberrant tissue was in the upper portion of the gastro-untestinal tract, and in almost 80 per cented these it was in the wall of the adment decleans or jegurum. In the majority of the remaining sent was in the decum appearing pertuclated in which tracks in a few cases it was found in the ometime to the meaning real tracks and the sent of the gastro and the sent of the gastro and the sent of the gastro and the g

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objects of the authors 24 cases 4 had important path objectal againstance. In 10 the latter the nodes caused pilone obstruction and in 31 was the size of unceration in the stomach or diodenim. The sticars are reported briefly. The article is followed by an extensive bubliography.

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## MISCI LLANEOUS

Abscess Ves England J 3fed 1955 223 395

In the Labe, Clase twents five cases of subphrense abscess have been treated during the past fourteen years. In the average surgical practice this lesion is not often encountered.

Subphrenie abscess results when infection already existing in the peritoneal cavity spreads into the subdiaphragmatic space. Infection in the pelvis or the right lower quadrant of the abdomen may spread upward laterally to the ceeum and ascending colon. From the region of the gall bladder or pylorus infection may spread to the right subhepatic area and extend over and under the liver to the posterosuperior or anterosuperior space. The frequency of subphrenic collections on the right side (92 per cent) is much greater than that of such collections on the left side. The authors reproduce Barnard's drawings showing the pathways of spread of peritoneal infection.

The important part played by pressure changes in the upper abdomen has not been sufficiently emphasized. Overholt has shown that during quiet respiration the intraperitoneal pressure in the upper abdomen is less than the atmospheric pressure. Therefore pus that has reached the upper abdomen may be sucked up to the subphrenic space. Accordingly, in order to prevent the upward spread of infection,

it is desirable to keep the patient in a half-sitting position

The authors state that in persons potentially subject to its occurrence, a subphrenic abscess is suggested by discomfort in the upper part of the abdomen, dyspnea, hiceough, and referred pain in the chest, shoulders, or neek. In the differential diagnosis, generalized peritomits, liver abscess, perinephritic abscess, thoracic emphysema, postoperative massive collapse of the lungs, and unilobar atelectasis must be ruled out

The authors describe the two-stage transpleural approach which they prefer for drainage. They state that the operation advocated by Ochsner has two distinct advantages. It is a one-stage procedure and the danger of contamination of the pleural and peritoneal cavities during the establishment of the drainage tract is less than in other methods.

In the twenty-five cases of subplirence abscess cited there were eight deaths. The authors believe that none of the deaths was due to the subphrenic abscess per se, but that the presence of the abscesses contributed to the high mortality.

EARL GARSIDE, M D

### GYNECOLOGY

#### UTERUS

Clason S The Technique of Stereo hysterography (Veber die stereobysterographysche Technik) Acts obst et gjare S and 1935 15 11

The author describes the technique of hystersalpiniographs in detail Of it is nigetion methods, —obtavarise injection with sodine oil as the son trast medium and open injection with microphile as the ron' ast medium—the author inconditionally prefers the former chiefly because in addition to hystergraphy it allows adjungency play and since tomal squares of the notine out he exceits imposed

He employs Schultze's injection equipment but but modified its obtait the fire point in front of the obligation clive can be made of printing made certain observations have led time to the conclusion that a longer point may render the examination utime is shorter point may render the examination with the conclusion of the control of a long point is inclouded associated with increased in \$1 do it embolism.

Clason agrees with Duoay that the injection can be better controlled by observation under the floor oscopic screen than by pess ure measurements. For physical reasons the pressure cannot be measured with any degree of precision. Therefore the author is not willing unreservedly to accept the pressure.

values reported by Léclere

In principle Clason favors the stereoscopic tech augus for reneignograph. No extra apparatus is required for stereorose genograms. A nemple entended not stereorose genograms. A nemple entended not led followed by the author and the use of a fixed inductor give almost suromatic protection agusts errors. In this connection Clason destinities the simplest possible thereoscop a method stereoscopy by hyperconvergence.

The dangers of the technique are discut ed. As the examination has been made in only about 15th areas in the author's clinic and in mone of these were there any complications. Clinic refers to behaltes a comprehensive review of the risks of the rights of the rights.

With regard to the possibility of rootsteen lessons caused by hysterograph. Claum states that by dostructive determinations made with the assistance of the physical bloom ten of the comment of the comment of the physical bloom to be compared to the physical state of the physical state

In discussing the therapeutic effect of by terog raphy in sterility. Clason calls attention to the possibility of a roeutgen stimulation.

In regard to the possible risk of producing sternity he points o t that if the indications recognized his the Sabhatsberg Clinic are followed no t of the patients are already stretle before the examination in the cases of the others the danger must be to very slight in comparison with the chance of a postive gain that it can be disregarded.

The author cites a number of cases showing that in case of intra uterine changes findings pearly as exact as the e-made at autopsy can be obtained by

hysterography

In particular, a case of placental polypu and two cases of adenomyous of the utrus may be men would. The first d.F-red I om the norms set forth in the achemas of Betlere and Bakke in that there was no marked general hypoton, but only a level

and strative hypothemy

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Of six cases of cancer of the vierus reported in the interature aurops; duclosed metastases in the bary in 10 (16 5 per cent). Of a stress of early operable cases G arean metastases were present 19 3.15 per cent. Other reports give the incidence of involvement of the owars at from 2 to 10 per cent.

The route of discensiation is dispired. There is the route by any of the lymph vessels and their by way of the valve free sent. In rare instance, the superal may occur along the tubes as suggested by Sampron. Of an metasiatic ovarian cancers faming to the present time in the Charriel Linear. Because of the primary tumor was in the body of the center of the off por some operated upon the corpus carcinoma; restaits, as were of contrast as the per contrast and expensively the order of the corpus carcinoma; restaits, as were of expensively of the corpus carcinoma; restaits, as were of expensively of the overal as a first per contrast of the corpus carcinoma; restaits, as were of expensively of the overal as a first per contrast of the overal carcinoma of the overal and the bady of the question of the overal and the bady of the question of the overal and the bady of the question of the overal and the bady of the question of the overal and the bady of the question of the overal and the bady of the question.

The author report a ca e of corpus cars soma in mean fifty years of age in which the histological and operative findings were dis initiar. The uterus was removed wagnally with the adners. The adners were strinoved only because the memorance had begun one year previously. In the right ovary was found a small focus of cancer which could not be recognized macroscopically Therefore, as an incipient metastatic carcinoma of the ovary cannot be excluded macroscopically, with certainty, it is justifiable to recommend that when operative interference is decided upon in cases of corpus carcinoma, both the adnera and the uterus be removed instead of only the uterus If this is not done there is danger of subsequent cancerous involvement of the ovary from the uterus In 2 of the author's cases in which only the cancerous uterus was removed, metastatic tumors appeared in the ovary after ten months and two and three-quarters years respectively.

The author believes that in time, comparative studies will demonstrate the advisability of the more extensive operation

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## ADNEXAL AND PERIUTERINE CONDITIONS

Klaften, E: A Further Contribution to the Knowledge of Granulosa-Cell Tumors (Westere Bestrag zur Kenntms der Granulosazelltumoren) Zentralbl f.Gynaek, 1935, p. 614

The author reports four cases of granulosa-cell tumor In all, the nature of the neoplasm was proved by microscopic examination

The first case was that of a nullipara twenty-four years old Menstruation began at the age of sixteen years. The menstrual periods recurred at intervals of three weeks and lasted for eight days. At the time the patient consulted the author she had had amenorrhea for four months. Examination revealed a tumor on the right side extending to the umbilicus. The distribution of hair was of the male type Menstruation began again nine days after removal of the tumor and thereafter recurred regularly. The patient was treated with ergostabil. Two years after the operation menstruation was still normal.

The second case was that of a woman forty-nine years old who had never been pregnant. Menstruation began at the fourteenth year of age and had been regular until nine years before the patient consulted the author, since when she had had amenorrhea. For the last fourteen days bleeding had occurred from the vagina and there had been pain behind the sternum. At laparotomy for a tumor situated behind the uterus, a hard tumor of the right ovary about the size of a goose egg was removed. After the operation there was no further bleeding. The neoplasm consisted of a fibroma and a granulosa-cell tumor.

The third case was that of a nullipara twenty years of age Menstruation began at the age of fourteen years and had always been regular up to four months before the patient consulted Klaften, when amenorrhea began A tumor of the right ovary the size of a mandarin orange was removed After the operation menstruation again occurred normally

The fourth case was that of a woman fifty-nine years old who had borne three children The menopause occurred when the patient was fifty-three years old For the last fourteen days there had been irregular vaginal bleeding Operation disclosed a tumor of the right ovary about the size of a fist and ascites. Following removal of the tumor the vaginal bleeding ceased

After reporting these cases the author discusses the symptoms, especially the amenorrhea which cannot be entirely explained. He states that granulosacell tumors cause early sexual maturity, but not the acquirement of male characteristics. He cites a case reported by Bland and Goldstein in which early sexual maturity produced by a granulosa-cell tumor in a child seven years old was not affected by removal of the tumor

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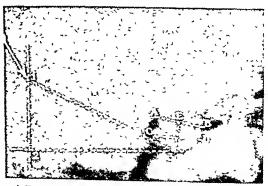
## MISCELLANEOUS

Fagioli, M.: Roentgenographic Studies of the Cranium of Women with Dysfunction of the Genital Organs (Di alcune indagini radiografiche sul cranio di donne con disfunzione dell'apparato gentale) Ginecologia, 1935, 1 625

The author reports the findings of roentgenographic studies of the sella turcica and cranium of twelve women with normal genital function and twelve women with secondary ovarian dysfunction. The technique used was that of Balli and Busi. The roentgenograms were taken with the Potter-Bucky diaphragm at a focal distance of 75 cm

In the twelve women with secondary ovarian dysfunction the length of the sella turcica was found to be 12 mm, its height, 10 mm, and its entrance diameter (ingresso solare) 12 6 mm. The fronto-occipital diameter of the cranium was 205 6 mm, and the mathematical relation of the anteroposterior diameter of the sella turcica to that of the cranium 12 205 6 or 16 6

In the twelve women with normal ovarian function the length of the sella turcica was 10 4 mm, its



A-B, entrance diameter (ingresso sellare) C-D, length E- $\Gamma$ , height

height 8 9 mm, and its entrance diameter (ingresso solare) ro q mm The fronto occipital diameter of the cramum was 106 " mm , and the relation of the anteroposterior diameter of the sella turcica to that of the cranium to 4 196 2 or 186

Fagioli draws the following conclusions

According to the findings in this hmited num ber of cases, the measurements of the selfa turnea are larger in women with secondary or arran dysfunc tion than in women with normal oversan function

2 Although a large sells turcies does not neces. sarily mean a large hypophysis and a large hypophysic does not necessarily mean a correspondingly greater excetors function this finding suggests a possible relationship between the size of the gland and genital disfunction Grouge C Frence M D

triades It The Physiotherapy of Genhal Hemotrhages in Homen from Causes Other Courriades II than Pregnancy and Tumors (Physiotherapy des bémorragies genitales chez la femme en debors de la grossesse et des tumeurs) Rev fram de eurée et d abst 1935 30 5.0

In recent years the developments in endocrinology have completely changed our conceptions of the pathogenesis of utenne hemorrhage the old idea of bemorrhagic forms of metricis must be abandoned

and treatment re opented on a new basis Radium was first employed for the treatment of uterine bleeding in 1800 by Abbe of New York In 1006 Oudin and Verchere made an estensive study of its use in the treatment of fibromyomas In France the radium treatment of functional metrorrhagias has received little attention in recent years but in Germany the United States and Eng. land numerous reports of its use have been pub-

hshed Two views are current regarding the mechanism by which radium exerts a hemo tatic effect on the uterus According to the theory most widely ac cepted it acts indirectly through the ovary How ever there is experimental evidence indicating that ordinary irradiation does not reach the overy but causes vascular changes in the uterns (Maury Schmitz Nogier Beclere Degrais Lelly) Dominici believes that the changes in the blood are of impor tance

The indications for radium therapy vary with the age of the patient. Because of the possibility of causing a definite amenorrhea radium is httle u ed in England and France for metrorrhagia and menor thages in vergees. In the United States at is widely employed In the cases of adult numen the French practice is to employ radium only after other meth ods have failed although its results are generally ex cellent and permanent amenorthes rarely occurs In the cases of nomen close to the menopause radium is most clearly indicated

It is generally believed that irradiation is contra indicated by acute and chronic inflammatory disease of the adnesa but Foveau de Courmelles Gauss, and Cheron recommend its use in chronic inflammatory

lessons of the adnexa including tuberculosis. Of the cases of this kind pregnancy occurred in at The usual technique consists in introducing the saits of radium or the emanations into the aterior

cave v or. if adneral infection exists simply analyzed them to the vaginal vault (Laborde) The tech niques used in the treatment of different conditions

are described in detail

According to the statistics of various generally asts the results of radium therapy are our e variable However in nearly all of 31 cases of metroribagia in women below the age of twenty five years which were treated by the author the bleeding was con trolled and normal menstruxtion was re-established. In a cases permanent amenorrhea resulted

Of the cases of women near the menorause the results (with definitive amenorrhea) were satisfac

tory in go per cent In the second part of the article coeptgen therapy is discussed. This method of treatment was developed between 1904 and 1910 Bordier and Betlere employed it for fibroids It was soon tried in essen tial metrorrhamas The effe to of the 1 rays on the uterus are the same as the effects of radium but m the ovaries the changes are more extensive re niting in the disappearance of all elements having to do with internal secretion However, primordial fol beles may persist, permitting the resumption of menstruction provided a correct dosage has been employed Therefore roentgen therapy is of some use in the cases of young women although as a rue radium is to be preferred. In the cases of women near the menopause to which arrest of meastruation is desired roenigen therapy has the disadvantage of acting on the bladder and the intestines Therefore radium is to be preferred also in these cases

Metrorrhagias due to chronic adnexal inflamma tion of a tuberculous or other nature may be bene fired by \ ray therapy in a large percentage of cases The arradiation acts on the inflammation rather than

on the uterus (Mathey Cornat, 193)

Attempts have been made to influence metror rhagia indirectly Hornung von Maluhe, Radecki, and Solomon have found irradiation of the spleen to be of value Too recent to be evaluated is irradia tion of the hypophysis (Drips and Ford and Huet) However a high incidence of excellent results even after failure of other methods has been reported This line of treatment seems theoretically ound

The article is followed by a bibliography of hifty ALBERT F DEGROAT WD seven references

Jayle F The Surgical Treatment of Genital Hem orrhages Due to Causes Other Than Pregnancy and Tumors (Traitement characycal des hemor ragies génitales en dehors de la grossesse et des tumeurs). Per fran, de ginte et d'abit 193; 50

In the treatment of genital hemorrhages of the functional type surgery has only ismited indications but nevertheless occupies a definite place The author reports illustrative cases which nere treated surgically The histories are remarkable in that they cover long periods in the lives of the patients

Occasionally ovarian grafts may give good results although their life is short. The temporary functioning of the graft may be sufficient to re-establish the normal rhythm of the endocrine glands

The author expresses some rather original views on the development of the vascular system in the genesis of uterine bleeding. His indication for operation is varices of the blood ligament

Chronic hyperplasia, which is a frequent cause of menorrhagia in young women, can usually be cured by curettage. However, there are exceptions. The author cites a case of hyperplasia persisting for sixteen years.

Occasionally the hemorrhage may be so severe that hysterectomy must be performed as an emergency measure.

For the large soft uteri of older women the author prefers abdominal hysterectomy to irradiation

In the cases of women near the menopause who bleed because of prolapse, surgery remains the only resource

ALBERT F DEGROAT, M D

Vurchio, G.: The Thermie Effect of the Short Wave and of Diathermy in the Field of Gynecology (Effetto termico delle onde corte e della diatermia nel campo ginecologica) Ginecologia, 1935, 1 553

The author reports his observations on the thermic response in the uterus, vagina, and rectum to diathermy and short-wave currents applied to the abdomen at from 1½ to 2 amperes in the cases

of twenty ambulatory women suffering from adnexal inflammatory disease. For the determination of this response he constructed a sensitive thermo-electrical apparatus similar to that of Becquerel and Breschetfin which can be introduced into the various hollow organs of the body and records temperature variations as low as o or degree. The findings of his study were as follows

Diathermy Ten minutes after the treatment was started there was a slight elevation of the temperature in the uterus, vagina, and rectum which reached its maximum at the end of twenty minutes. Half an hour after termination of the treatment the temperature decreased, and by the end of another half hour it had returned to normal. In the uterus and rectum the highest temperature rise recorded was o 6 degree and the average rise was 0.4 degree. In the vagina the highest rise recorded was 0.4 degree and the average rise was 0.3 degree. No appreciable difference was noted with higher amperage in the applications.

Short wave therapy The temperature response in the uterus, vagina, and rectum was identical with the response to diathermy except that the highest rise recorded was 0.7 degree Higher amperage failed to increase the temperature in any of the organs. In none of the cases was the temperature found to decrease below the normal

The author concludes from these studies that the temperature in the uterus, rectum, and vagina is definitely influenced by diathermy and short-wave currents

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#### OBSTETRICS

#### PREGNANCY AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Morra G Variations of the Total Blood Phosphorus in the Physiological Puerperal State (Sulle vanazione del fo foro sanguigno nello stato puerperale fisiologica) Ginecologia 1911 E 600

Using the volumetric method of Macheboeui the author determined the total blood photyborus and the photyborus content of the erit hoyles and blood serum of deven non pregnant women in the intermentant period ten women in the hirst six months of pregnancy five nomen in the eighth or minth month of pregnancy. The women at term and

ifficen nomen in the brit week of the puerpersum.
The average amounts expressed in milliorams per

1 000 c cm were 34 follows

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of pregnancy	177	800	1576
Warnen at term	377	805 3	156 9
Names in the meet of I nee	377 7	804	156 1

These figures compare favorably with those reported by Mongliano although they are somewhat

higher

The author concludes that there is an appreciable elevation of the phosphorus in the blood during pregnincy which begins in the early months and continues into the first week of the purety-room. As the administration of estracts of the posterior bod of the pitting joint of the chrone and the outree has been shown to increase the phosphorus content in the blood of the thiod of the absence of pregnincy. The believes that the increase has a definite relationship to the glands of internal secretion. He is of the grinoso also that it is celated to the buffer restron during pregnarcy.

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Wodon J. L. The Experimental Production and the Pathogenesis of Eclampta. Rejunktion expérimen ale et path némie de léclampae. Brux illis méd. 1915. 15, 103.

In man investigations made in cases of eclampius in the past few verts the most constant finding mana disturbance of the aud base equalibrium of the blood. In his appeacable the study of the condition Wordon examined the blood of both pregnant as it money preparations more life found that the skills reserve of the blood gradually fell as pregnance and regressed reacting its fowest point just after delivery.

In space of the alkah deficit the hydrogen ion concentration of the blood remained constant. The alkah reserve returned to a normal level of 50 volumes per cent about the tenth day of exchange.

When eclamptic convulsions are threatening and during their occurrence the drop in the alkali reserve is uncompensated the hydrogen ion values therefore changing rearkedly toward the and side

The three most widely accepted theories attribute eclampost respectively to (1) water intonication (2) information induced by a secretion from the posterior lobe of the pituitary gland which excits an anti-duretic effect and (5) interleation from

gustadae.

In his studies the author carried out three groups of experiments on dogs. In the first group counts of experiments on dogs. In the first group counts of mater through a gavage tube. In the second group water may green in the same way and substance of the posterior folio of the printing gland was undered antermoscularly. In the third group guit dine was given infra schoustly. Determinations were them made of the bydreen on concentration are

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alsale referve of the ologod and the product by guandine was accompanied by the same changed the acid base equilibrium as those occurring in eclamptic toxems. This was interpreted to favor the hypothe at that changes in the metassism of guandine play as important and introcuction due to the product of the

#### LABOR AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

Nathanson J N. A Parallel Study of laber in Loung and Old Primiparas 1m J Old C Loung 1113 10 15)

It is suggested that for the sake of uniformits in future studies, thirty five years be chosen as the lower are limit for elderly priminaras

In the study made by the author the funnel pelvisuse mere frequently found in elderly principaraand the purcomner pelvison in comp principara-Dystoria of he as origin is therefore more frequent at the inlet in the coung principara and at the outlet in the old principara.

legistent occipit posterior positions and breech presentation occurred to pectively in 21 94 and 600 per cent if the cases of oil primiparas. This was twice their incidence in young primiparas.

In the incidence of a temature supture of the membranes there was a difference of only in per cent between the ellerly and young primiparas. Labor was of definitely longer duration in the old primipures. The greatest difference occurred in the best stage. This is undoubtedly accounted for by the greater incidence of abnormal presentations and attenue mertin in old primiparas and the greater elasticity of the soft usones in young primiparas.

Courean section was performed on 10.75 per cent of the older prindparas and not at all on the young prindparas. The author emphasizes, however, that the major indication for the operation was usually not the age of the potient but a condition such as polici deformity, a non-viciding cervix, or progressive tovers:

Uterine inertia, both primary and secondary, was one times more trequent in the older women than in the younger women.

The incidence of stillbirth was three times as high in the cases of the older women than in those of the younger women

The mortality of the older primipares was a to per cent. None of the young primipares died as a result of pregnancy or labor

The age of the primipara are little or no influence upon the sex, weight, or length of her children

Forems was one and one half times as frequent and complications of the third stage of labor twice as frequent, in the older than in the vounger primi paras

liregularities in menstruction, and particularly late establishment of the function seemed to influence the type and duration of the labor

According to the findings in these cases the time of marriage does not appear to influence the duration of labor

The author concludes from this study that no definite rule can be laid down for the routine conduct of the labor of elderly primipares. The procedure followed should be that which best meets the requirements in the individual case.

EDUATE LANGS CONSTITUTED IN

Le Lorier, V.: A Discussion of the Treatment of Retroplacental Hemorrhage with Uterine Apoplexy. Statistics on Retroplacental Hematomas Observed in the Period from 1924 to 1935 (Discussion sur le traitment des lamorrhages retroplacentaires avec apoplexic utérine Statistiques des hématomes retro placentaires observes de 1924 à 1935) Bull Soc d'obst et de gyrice de Par., 1935, 24, 378

Of 20,423 deliveries occurring at the Boucicaut Hospital in the period from 1924 to 1931 and at the Port Royal Hospital in the period from October, 1931, to January, 1935, a retroplacental hematoma was formed in 64 (031 per cent). The maternal mortality in the latter was 62 per cent (4 deaths), and the infant mortality, 55 per cent (36 deaths).

The 64 cases of retroplacental hematoma may be divided into the following 3 groups:

Group t Porty-nine cases of uncomplicated retroplacental from toma. In this group there were no maternal deaths but 20 infant deaths. Sixteen of the infants dying weighed more than 1,500 gm.

Group 2 Six cases with associated uterophicental apoplexy. All of these were treated by hysterectomy or a Porro operation. Two of the mothers and all of the infants died. Pour of the infants weighed more than 1,500 gm.

Group 3 Nine cases with associated eclampsia. In this group there were 2 maternal deaths and 4 infant deaths. Two of the infants dying veighed more than 1,500 gm.

In the treatment, 22 obstetrical operations and 7 surgical operations were carried out. The former included 8 forceps applications, 7 artificial deliveries, 3 uterine versions, and 4 intra-uterine tamponades. The latter were 1 vaginal cesarian section and 6 histerectomies. Two of the hysterectomics were Porro operations.

Practically all of the patients had hypertension with or without albuminum. In general it appeared to the author that the cases of hypertension without albuminums were more serious than those with albuminum MAN MINISTER, MID

Stein, I. F., and Leventhal, M. L.: An Analysis of 351 Cesarean Section Cases in a Ten-Year Period at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago. Art J. Obi: & George, 1935-30-192

At Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, correan section has been assuming an increasingly important place among obstetrical operative procedures. Chiefly responsible for the extension of its indications and the greater frequency of its performance was the adoption of the low cervical technique.

In the ten-year period reviewed, the maternal mortality of the operation was 2 to per cent and the fetal mortality 2.72 per cent

tetal mortality 2 33 per cent

Analysis of the postoperative complications yields valuable information regarding the morbidity, but is of little aid in determining the choice between vaginal and abdominal delivery

I he morbidity demonstrates that local anesthesia is preferable to anesthesia of other types. Of the cases reviewed, it was highest in those in which the operation was performed under spinal anesthesia.

The comparative and combined maternal and fetal mortalities indicate that, as performed by the authors, cesarean section is safer than version and high foreceps. However, the authors do not recommend the replacement of version by eesarean section in cases presenting valid indications and the proper conditions for version and extraction.

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## GENITO URINARY SURGERY

ADRENAL, KIDNEY, AND URETER

Caider, R. M. and Porro F. W. Adenoma of Adrenal Cortex Simulating Pituitary Basophilism (Cushing's Syndrome) Bull Johns Hopkins Host, Bult 2015 57 01

An unusual case of adenoma of the adrenal cortect as presented. The symptoms were similar to those of pituitary basophilism (Cushinga a syndimme) but there was hypertrophy of the chiteria which is not usually present in pituitary basophilism.

By some, surged exploration of the adrenals habeen advised when a definite clinical diagnosis is impossible. The authors advise trying deep \tay therapy of the pituitary gland first. They state that if this is not effective diagnostic pyelography is justified and surged exploration of the adrenals may be done as a last resort.

THEODRILL GRAVES M. D.

Albright F and Bloomberg F Hyperparathy coldism and Renal Disease With a Noze as to the Formation of Caldium Casts in This Dis

ease J Usel 1935 34 1

The authors state that hyperparathyroidem is a sufficiently frequent cause of cenal stone to warrant

its consideration in every case of renal lithways. In a enes of twenty three proved cases of hyper parathyroidsim admitted to the Massachuseris General hospital there were eleven in which the presence of a renal stone was the only clue leading to the discreoss of the conductor.

A frequent finding in hyperparathyroidism is the presence of many inedy granular casts in the surnary sediment. The granules have been shown to contain calcium probabily calcium pub phase. The casts can be changed into hvalin casts by making the uninc more and by the oral administration of ammonium chloride. Their continued presence in large numbers is an undication of renal daryong markers.

It is probable that the factors governing the for mation of these cat's which in a way are micro scope calcula in the renal tubules are those governing stone formation in hyperparathyroidism vizthe concentrations of calcium phosphate and hydrogray 1000 style urine.

Stone formation in hyperparatheroidism is apparently due to an excess of cre-talloids in the urine

RLADDER, URETHRA AND PENIS

Loughnane F McG Retention of Urine Pra tf

Retention of urine may be merely a sign of some graver condition or an active agent responsible for a more sensus disturbance. It is rive in women and children except in the pre-rec of neurological lessons that is very common in elkely men. It may exist for jears without being diagnosed the patient fathing to report it. It is often the indirect cause of the death of elderly men. It he mobility be empty the death of elderly men. It he mobility be empty the conditions must be differentiated from aroun. It can be made on the bas so the clinical but as a rule can be made on the bas so the clinical symptoms and examination. In these cases the amount of re idial turne is important. This may be amounted in a distribution of the condition of the clinical states of the clinical conditions are also as in the clinical conditions.

The causes of acute retention are stricture en largement of the prostate due to an adenoma, cauter or infection an impacted urethral reliculus ligation of the pents merve lessons urethritis, and operation

I rimary scute retention is not secondary to the chrome condition. To prevent tale ton of the blad der and urether mon operative measures with a free purgation, the introduction of a morphic retal suppository, and a hot bath should be employed first. Catheteriation should be done under look anesther in and preceded by the administration of a per cert and the control of the contr

puncture with a curved trocar is neces ary If acute retention is superimposed upon chronic retention the prognosis is less favorable. The con tent of chulesterol in the blood pla ma is often low but this is not so serious as in chronic retention. It is associated with diminished resistance to sepais A high blood urea dues not necessarily indicate impending uremia and is not an accurate indicator of renal efficiency. If the blood ures is about to mam par 100 c cm the risks of surgery are justified Immediate and complete emptying of the bladder t contra indicated The blad ler must be decompressed slowly An intravenous injection of 20 per cent glucose may be required to ward off trema If the med cal mea ures are unsuccessful the urme should be drained from the bladder by means of an in dwelling catheter drop by drop or at the rate of r or z oz evere hour. If catheterization is impossible & small trocur and cannula should be inserted sup 2 The administration of urmary antinubically septirs by mouth is beneficial. The fluid irtake should be increased Seither esstoscopy nor endoscopy should be attempted until the acute attack is

Of the numerous tests for renal efficiency the author considers only four. In general practice the fluid intake and output test is easiest. If the intake and output of fluid are about the same, the kidney is fairly efficient. However, this determination is not entirely reliable. The blood-urea test is of value only in gross lesions of the kidney. Most important is the urea-concentration test of McLean. The urea-clearance test of Van Slyke is no more reliable than the McLean test.

The septic complications of urine retention are inflammation of the kidneys and bladder and perineal abscess. Perineal abscess always occurs proximal to a stricture and is generally associated with urinary extravasation. The treatment includes incision of the abscess, retrograde catheterization, the use of an indwelling catheter, and drainage. In pyelone-phritis, antiseptic medication and forced diuresis, possibly combined with catheter or suprapubic drainage, render surgery safe. Cystitis of obstructive origin is remedied by lavage and drainage. Diabetics must be given insulin

In elderly men suffering from chronic retention the condition of the cardiovascular system is of chief importance. Low blood pressure is more serious than high blood pressure. In the presence of a low blood pressure there is a greater tendency toward cerebral thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. Both of the latter may occur if the bladder is septic. To prevent venous congestion, gentle massage and movements by the patient in bed are indicated. Deep breathing is also beneficial, and stimu-

lants should be given The chief symptoms of chronic retention are fre quency, a poor urmary stream lacking force, and dribbling Pain is seldom a feature in adults unless cystitis or urethritis is present. Elderly men have symptoms of chronic uremia (headaches, thirst, and frequency, especially nocturnal frequency). frequency often consists of incontinence with overflow and distention of the bladder up to the umbilicus Although this is a common feature in nervous lesions, it may accompany chronic enlargement of the prostate or chronic stricture The symptoms are of little aid in the diagnosis In all cases, cystoscopy and urethroscopy are essential before mechanical causes can be eliminated The spinal anesthetic test combined with roentgenography is not so informative in vesical derangement as in howel lesions A neuromuscular dysfunction can be assumed only in the absence of a demonstrable mechanical obstruction and when no definite nervous lesion can he demonstrated If an organic lesion of the nervous system is the cause, repeated catheterization or suprapulic drainage is indicated In neuromuscular

dysfunction, sympathectomy gives relief
The treatment indicated for chronic retention secondary to urethral stricture is gradual decompression of the bladder followed by dilatation of the stricture. In cases of chronic retention due to an enlarged prostate the treatment should include gradual decompression of the bladder, improvement of renal function by drainage, the amelioration of sepsis, and removal of the cause. The operation of

choice is endoscopic resection by the McCarthy method. This is preferable to any type of prostatectomy Louis Neuwelt, M D

Friedrich, H: Sphincter Sclerosis in the Female (Sphincter-Sklerose bei der Frau) 59 Tag d deutsch Ges f Chir, Berhn, 1935

The author first presents a brief discussion of sphincter sclerosis in the male and warns regarding the frequency of erroneous diagnoses. He states that in the presence of suggestive symptoms sphincter sclerosis may be assumed only when disease of the prostate has been ruled out

That sphincter sclerosis may occur also in the

female is evidenced by the following case.

A middle-aged woman had had symptoms of cystitis for a number of years Gradually urination became more difficult until finally spontaneous urination was no longer possible. The patient was catheterized for more than a year, but finally learned to empty the bladder partially by introducing a finger into the vagina and pushing its upper wall backward Gynecological and neurological examination disclosed nothing unusual and the general condition was normal Cystoscopic examination disclosed a very marked trabeculation and a barrier formation The capacity of the bladder was goo c cm Even when the bladder had been partially emptied by the procedure described there was still a residue of urine of from 300 to 400 c cm. At first the cause of the condition was totally obscure, but the barrier formation demonstrated on cystoscopic examination suggested that it was something like the sphincter sclerosis of the male At operation, a sclerotic ring was found at the orifice of the urethra Only after this ring was broken by the excision of a wedge-shaped section could the finger be introduced into the urethra The histological diagnosis made by Erlangen was sphincter sclerosis The patient became able to evacuate the bladder normally.

In the author's opinion it was proved in this case not only clinically but also by the response to treatment and the histological findings that sphincter sclerosis is possible in the female

As in the female the vicinity of the sphincter contains no organ especially disposed to inflammations such as the prostate, the occurrence of sphincter sclerosis in the female is significant with regard to the etiology of the condition

The treatment indicated is electrocoagulation or wedge-shaped resection. In the female, the anterior, not the posterior, hip of the sphincter must be removed as the deep cutting necessary for removal of the posterior lip would be associated with the danger of the formation of a hladder fistula

(H FRIEDRICH) JOHN W BRENNAN, M D

Pérard, J, and Elbim, A.: Endometriomas of the Bladder (Endometriomes vésicaux) J d'urol méd et chir, 1935, 39 497

The authors attribute the apparent infrequency of endometrial tumors in the bladder as compared with other organs to failure of prologists to bear the possi bility of such tumors in mind in examining the blad der The clinical picture of endometrioma of the bladder is unique but variable. The symptoms con sist chiefts of urinary frequency and pain during menstrual periods Hematuria is rare. The tumor can occasionally be palpated in the bladder wall and exhibits a cyclic variation in its size and ten derness depending upon the menserual phase. At cystoscopy a lesion so characteristic has been found that in some cases the diagnosis has been made by this examination alone The tumor vanes from the size of a pea to that of a small prune and may be situated at the trigone or the ureteral ordice or in the hase or dome of the bladder. It is never in the an terior wall. The fact that it is beneath the mucous membrane explains the infrequency of hemathia It is often poorly defined presenting as a blush dis coloration or as a conglomeration of small evetic cavities. The bladder may be extremely vascular and frequently is edematous. Sometimes the tumor is hidden by a bullous edema During menstruation it becomes more clearly defined. The edema in creases and the tumor becomes engorged with blood. taking on the appearance of red cysts. This appear ance and the clinical history may lead to the diag nosis if the possibility of an endometeroma is borne in mind Malignant degeneration with the forms tion of meiastases has not been recorded.

Treatment may be directed to the tumor or to the owners. It Operative treatment of the tumor is un dertaken it should not be attempted endo copically but should consist of partial crisectiony. As the evolution of the lesion depends upon oversion lumition surgical or includigacial existation is to he pretended to the construction of the prepare although cytiocopic evidence of the tumor in an inactive plane may presset for some time.

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#### Harris S II Posterior Segmental Block Facision of the Bladder Neck with Primary Closure First J Surg. 1935, 23, 45

Harm describes a new operation for the relief of certain obstructive conditions of the bladder neck in which there is no gross enlargement of the protate and no adeomstous is see in 2th prostate rim which can be removed by digital crucket too. These conditions middle the visions to pre-commission and operating the conditions of the contractive and central pro-tate fibrous. The operation consists in removing a block shaped piece from the posterior hp instead of the usual 1 shaped piece covering all raw surfaces by suture drawing the middle interureteral lagment down to the prostate metric acclosing the bladder tightly as 15 done after prostaterings.

The author has performed it thirty three times with no mortality. He states that it eliminates with no mortality. He states that it eliminates the liability to recurrence which characterizes come parable with those of complete extractions and the bladder neck, a more extractives and less afe procedure. In comparing it with perurethal methods of recection, he concludes that it is associated with no more risk and will give more permanent results of the procedure of the comparing it will be compared to the second of the concludes that it is associated with no more risk and will give more permanent results.

#### Lazarus J A and Rosenthal A A Ruptured Pyo Urachua Complicated by Urethral Stric ture in Surg 1015 102 40

Lazarus and Rosenthal report a case of pourachus rupturing into the groin and state that they have been unable to find the report of any similar structure of the urefitre. In most of the cases purvously reported there was a vessel or infrare celobstructive le on such as a neoplasm calcular ure that structure or prostate hypertrophy.

Pyo-urachus is five times as frequent to the mile machus ruptured in its lower portion and estended downward toward the space of Retinus and outwind beneath the right rectus muscle toward the right grown. The treatment was removal of the urachus and draware of the infected tract.

FRANK M COCKERS MD

#### Thompson, A. R. Stricture of the External Urinary Meature Lancet 1032 228 2275

Acquired strictures of the external unary needed are not rare. In old men they are relatively inequent and may be associated with a progressive plurose due to the dumination in the sace of the pension of the pension

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An examination for the presence of a stricture of the external urinary meatus should be made in all cases of urinary obstruction. Such a stricture may be additional to the common causes of obstruction such as enlargement of the prostate and urethral stricture.

The strictured area of the meatus may be very painful and tender. Therefore the greatest care should be used when even a very small instrument is employed. It should always be borne in mind that the meatal region is the sense organ of the bladder and the site where the desire to micturate is felt.

As old men develop meatal stricture so often the author suggests that they roll back the prepuce once a week and wash the glans and corona with warm water and soap. He states that some force is necessary to remove the smegma from the glans and away from the folds of the rolled back prepuce. After the washing the prepuce should always be replaced in position.

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Rotenberg, M. I: The Rôle of the Viscosity of the Blood in the Pathogenesis of Priapism (Du role de la viscosité du sang dans la pathogéme du priapisme) J d'urol méd et chir, 1935, 39 508

Rotenberg says that the number of reported cases of priapism is relatively small and the pathogenesis of the phenomenon still obscure He differentiates priapism from modifications of normal erections caused by certain local pathological states or by lesions of the spinal cord With regard to the pathogenesis of priapism he considers in great detail the three current theories which attribute the condition respectively to neurogenic causes, thrombosis, and the formation of hematomas These theories do not explain the picture presented in the case he reports nor in some of the cases reported by others. In Rotenberg's case operation disclosed no hematoma or thrombus but a thick, viscid blood which did not tend to coagulate Rotenberg therefore believes that an increase in the viscosity of the blood may be a causative factor

The viscosity of the blood depends upon the number and size of the cellular elements, the quantity of hemoglobin, the content of salts and albuminous substances, and the amount of gas, principally carbon diovide. In 1006, Determann demonstrated that venous stasis, which increases the carbon dioxide of the blood, causes a corresponding increase in the viscosity. This fact explains the increased viscosity in decompensated cardiac conditions and the terminal stages of tuberculosis. The increased viscosity in diabetes, gout, and alcoholism is evidently caused by physicochemical changes occurring in the blood. The chief blood diseases accompanied by an increase in viscosity are polycythemia and myeloid leukemia.

The author discusses the relationship of these local and gereral causes of hyperviscosity to the occurrence of priapism. He believes that his theory ex-

plains a number of phenomena seen in normal and pathological erections that are not explained by the other theories and suggests a different therapeutic approach such as the administration of potassium iodide, diathermy per rectum, roentgen irradiation, and removal of the viscid blood from the corpora cavernosa by puncture followed by the introduction of physiological salt solution

NATHAN A WOMACE, M D

Uhle, C. A. W., and Archer, G. F: Primary Carcinoma of Cowper's Gland. Report of a Case, with a Review of the Literature. J. Urol., 1935, 34 128

The authors report a case of proved carcinoma of Cowper's gland In a review of the literature they were able to find only four authentic cases In their own case the treatment consisted of as complete removal as possible of all carcinomatous tissue followed later by radium and deep X-ray therapy Microscopic examination of the tissue showed the tumor to be an adenocarcinoma arising from Cowper's gland The patient was free from symptoms three months after the operation

Andrew McNally, M D

### GENITAL ORGANS

Marion, G. Atony of the Prostate (De l'atonie prostatique) J d'urol méd et chir., 1935, 39 401.

The syndrome of prostatic atony occurs in relatively young males who are suffering from nervous exhaustion. As a rule it is associated with other neurasthenic phenomena.

The symptoms consist of pains or uncomfortable sensations in the region of the perineum and anus, the escape of prostatic fluid during defecation, disturbances of urination (feeble stream), and usually some degree of impotence

Evamination reveals a smooth, regular enlargement of the prostate involving the lateral lobes. The expressed secretions are normal, and the findings of urethroscopy and urethrography negative

The prognosis is essentially favorable. Unfortunately many patients are subjected to prolonged treatment for supposed prostatitis which aggravates the neurasthenia.

In the management of these cases it is important to re-assure the patient and avoid all treatment that attracts his attention to the prostate. The distress may be relieved by any of the common sedatives given by mouth, and the general physical condition improved by rest and the administration of tonics.

ALBERT F DEGROAT, M D

Oberndorfer. The Specific Malignant Testicular Tumor, Seminoma (Die specifische maligne Hodengeschwulst Seminom) Schwerz med. II chuschr, 1935, 1 204

Seminomas of the testicles occur in the period of active sexual function Since in childhood, the most common neoplasms of the testicle are embryoid

tumors and in old age testicular tumors are very rare the author believes it justinable to conclude that seminorma are related to the spermatogenetic apparatus. He states that the undescended testicle seems to be the orie of a seminoma less frequently than the normally descended testicle.

Trauma is not an important factor in the development of the turnor. Of the author's tuent, five cases there was a history of injury in only three

Irradiation gives good results and should be used

The alveoli in which the cell masses occur are often dilated seminal tubules and even the arrange ment of the tumor cells in these tubules reproduces the arrangement of the testicular enithelium. The author therefore believes that the tumors develop from the spermatogonia or Sertolini cells in the seminal tubules and possess toupotent differentiating poner such that teratoid newgrowths may develon from them. As seminomas abon cartifaginous or chorionepitheliomaous proliferations, the author regards them as the least differentiated of the tera toids Momas fibromas, myxomas and chon drumas may also develop from these cells All such tumors must develon from the simple spermatogenic cells Recently the reaction of the anterior lobe of the hypophysis has been demonstrated repeatedly in such peoplasms and also in medullary carringma of the testicle. As the prolan can have its origin only in the tumor cell , the latter are true spermatogenic (R MEYER) LEO A JONNEE W.D.

Withelm S F Vaso Orchidostomy with Inter posed Spermatocele A Procedure for the Treat ment of Sterility Arch Surg 1915 30 967

It is agreed that in the operative treatment of sterility in the male the likelihood of success is increased if a spermatocele is present or can be

formed artificially

In the operation described by the author the entire spermadrogenic tissure issued. Care is taken to prevent anjury to the testucle and the site of the anastomous is completely enthelpal in order that the scar issues formed will be minimal. I famel shaped such bended with epithelma analogous to a spermatocole is formed to unite the tubules of the epithdymus or retrie tests to the smaller divided end

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# SURGERY OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS

CONDITIONS OF THE BONES, JOINTS, MUSCLES, TENDONS, ETC.

Fariñas, P. L., and Inclán, A.: The Contribution of Arteriography to the Differential Diagnosis of Bone Lesions (Contribución de la arteriografía al diagnóstico diferencial de las lesions óseas) Cirug ortop y traumatol, 1935, 3 69

While the authors have employed arteriography chiefly in cases of advanced lesions already diagnosed, they are of the opinion that it will prove of most value in the differential diagnosis of early lesions of bones of the extremities, and that the information it yields with regard to circulatory changes may explain the etiopathogenesis of formerly obscure and unknown lesions

It is a method by which the circulatory changes described by Caldas can be discovered early and beginning neoplasms can be differentiated from tuberculous osteits, syphilis of bone, and osteomyelitis

After injection of the principal artery with thorotrast vasographic signs may demonstrate the pedicle of a tumor by a network of newly formed vessels of the same size running radially or parallel. These lines may be angulated and distributed in a manner suggesting proliferation of the tumor. In tuberculous and inflammatory lesions the vessels show a regular normal disposition but suggest a hyperemic condition by an increase in their size. In syphilis and chronic osteomyelitis an ischemic aspect of the normal distribution of the vessels is seen. An unusually prompt appearance of the venous circulation suggests malignancy, especially sarcoma.

Arteriography should be used routinely for early diagnosis, but should not be employed to confirm the diagnosis of old lesions the nature of which has already been determined with considerable certainty. It is quite innocuous when carried out with

thorotrast

The authors report ten cases in which it was used with successful results William R Mieker, M D

Finkelstein, H. The Correction of Rachitic Deformities by Preliminary Decalcification. J Bone & Joint Surg., 1935, 17 780

In the usual present-day treatment of rachitic deformities, antirachitic therapy and recumbency are regarded as indicated in the acute stage, expectant, manipulative, or mechanical methods to lessen the deformity are employed when the condition is subacute, and operative measures are used only when the process is arrested and the bones have hardened Unfortunately, under such treatment a considerable percentage of children with rickets reach advanced childhood with residual bone deformities of varying degree. It is not surprising,

therefore, that in recent years attempts have been made to attack the deformities earlier in the hope of preventing subsequent complications Of these attempts, the procedure suggested by Rabl is rather ingenious After preliminary softening of the deformed bones by the internal use of ammonium chloride (o 2 gm per day per kilogram of body weight of a 4 per cent solution) and the application of a tight rubber bandage to the deformed limb to produce venous congestion, Rabl corrects the deformities manually under anesthesia During the preliminary treatment he discontinues all antirachitic therapy, but immediately after the redressement he institutes energetic general antirachitic treatment. He considers this method absolutely indicated in the cases of children under two years of age

The objection to this form of treatment is obvious. There is no known internal decalcifying agent which has a selective action. The decalcifying process following the ingestion of certain foods or internal medication is of necessity general in character.

Local decalcification is produced most simply and safely by absolute immobilization of the part, pref-

erably in a plaster cast, and disuse

Since 1931 the author has treated about fifty cases of rachitic deformities of the lower extremities by conservative measures. The patients ranged in age from eighteen months to three years. Some of them were in the active stage and others the quiescent stage of rickets. Finkelstein's usual method of procedure is as follows.

Preliminary decalcification. Roentgenograms and photographs are taken In cases of bilateral deformity of the lower extremities, a double plaster spica is applied from the waist to the toes. The patient is kept in bed. All antirachitic measures are suspended. After four weeks, another roentgenogram is taken and compared with the original roentgenogram to determine the degree of atrophy. The patient is then prepared for anesthesia.

Correction of the deformities After removal of the casts the skin is cleansed with benzine and alcohol Then, by gradual force, the limbs are slowly bent into a slightly overcorrected position. In mild cases it is possible to straighten the limbs without fracturing the bones. In severe cases, greenstick fractures are produced. Excessive force and complete transverse fractures with displacement of fragments are avoided. In cases of multiple fractures, both tibiae, both fibulae, and both femora are corrected at one sitting. In manual correction the attempt is made to restore the normal relationship of the affected bones, special attention being directed toward paralleling the lower femoral and the upper and lower tibial articulations as suggested by Milch. Extreme overcorrection of the deformities is unnecessary. Im-

mediately after the correction a double plaster spica is applied. When the plaster is thoroughly dried roentgenograms are again taken to determine the extent of improvement. If further correction is no quired the plaster cast is wedged.

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2 The con ervative method described adequately corrects the early malformations

3 Ample time has elapsed and a ufficient number of patients have been treated to warrant the assumption that the re ults obtained by this method are permanent.

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Franseen C G and McLean R The I hosphatase Activity of Tissues and Plasma in Tumors of Bone im J Concer 1035 24 200

Since phosphatase had been found in large quantities at lates of ossification in embry os and children it seemed reasonable to assime that it might be found in large quantities also in timor tissue in which osteogeness is taking place. The authors have demonstrated a uniformir high degree of bloopshatate activity in the tumor tossice in all cases of the osteogenic sarcoma and values in other tumora windring bone in proportion to the degree of estrogeness. An attempt was roads to correcte the phosphatase activity of the tissue with that of the blood in patients with bone tumors but in many cases it was recessary to study either the blood or usue along.

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In spite of the extensive destruction of bone in cases of multiple myeloms the phosphatase of the blood is usually normal indicating sight reparal's qualities in these lesions. This factor may be of aid in the differential diagnosis of interestal c carrinoma of the bones and multiple myeloms.

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physiological secretion and are thereby recognized
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RUDOLPH S REICH, M D

Coley, W. B: Malignant Changes in the So-Called Benign Giant-Cell Tumor. Am J Surg, 1935, 28,768

Coley reports in detail seventeen cases of malignant changes in a so-called benign giant-cell tumor which were demonstrated by roentgen and microscopic examination He states that the incidence of such changes in these tumors is probably about 15 per cent and that therefore every effort should be made to arrive at a correct diagnosis as early as possible and the patient should be informed that an apparently cured giant-cell tumor is still a source of danger He believes that in the treatment of such tumors curettage should not be followed by irradiation, and that if irradiation is employed it should be used alone From his extremely large experience with giant-cell tumors he concludes that the best procedure is surgery followed by treatment with Coley's toxin for from four to six weeks He questions the advisability of continuing to use the term "benign giant-cell tumor" for these neoplasms in preference to the old term "giant-cell sarcoma" PAUL C COLONNA, M D

Buus, C E. P.: Articular Changes in Hemophilia Acta radiol, 1935, 16 503

The author describes the characteristic articular changes occurring in hemophilia and presents roent-genograms of two cases seen in the State Hospital, Copenhagen

He has observed characteristic sharp angulations in the joint surface which later resulted in an abrupt rectangular break such that part of the joint surface sank to a lower level. He discusses the causes of this phenomenon which he believes has not been described previously

He then reviews the pathologico-anatomical changes as demonstrated by Freund, Reinecke, Wohlwill, and Key and discusses their origin

In conclusion he discusses the difficulties in the diagnosis and presents the roentgenograms made in two cases in which the diagnosis was uncertain

Conti, G.: Parathyroidectomy in Ankylosing Polyarthritis (La paratiroidectomia nella poliartrite anchilosante) Ann ital di chir, 1935, 14 239

In reviewing the literature on the relation of the parathyroid glands to calcium metabolism and certain lesions of the bones and joints, Conti cites Oppel's relatively recent article calling attention to the relation between parathyroid function and chrome ankylosing rheumatism. In two-thirds of fifty cases of arthritis deformans Oppel found an increase in the calcium content of the blood which he ascribed chiefly to hyperfunction of the parathyroids.

Conti believes that the hypercalcemia found in chronic rheumatism is not always due to hyper-

function of the parathyroid glands In support of this opinion, he cites records of cases of polyarthritis in which improvement followed the administration of parathyroid extract

He reports two cases of polyarthritis which were treated by parathyroidectomy. The first was that of a woman twenty years old who, ten years previously, had suffered an attack of arthritis in both wrist joints which was accompanied by severe pain and fever and terminated in ankylosis. Six years later she had a recurrence of the condition and both hip and knee joints became ankylosed in full flexion Diathermy, massage, and traction reduced the degree of flexion, but the recurrences continued

Under novocain anesthesia a thyroidectomy incision was made, the thyroid gland was exposed, and two small bodies of what appeared to be parathyroid tissue were removed. Immediately after the operation the patient felt relieved and when discharged she was able to walk unsupported.

Histological evamination of the removed mass disclosed an active hyperplastic reaction of the connective tissue and a cavity which probably represented the remainder of a parathyroid gland which had atrophied as the result of a degenerative process

After the parathyroidectomy the blood calcium decreased rapidly, but at the time of the patient's discharge had reached almost the original level.

The second case reported was that of a man twenty-eight years old who gave a similar history. After parathyroidectomy the patient felt much better, but the function of the involved joints could not be restored Postoperatively there was a hypercalcemia This was followed by a rapid drop of the blood calcium, but the ultimate value was approximately the same as that found originally

Conti attributes the failure of the operation in this case chiefly to the chronicity of the condition He states that in old chronic rheumatic processes in which the ankylosis is far advanced parathyroidectomy is of very little value RICHARD E SOMMA

Wohlfahrt, S, and Wohlfahrt, G.: Microscopic Studies on Progressive Muscle Atrophies, with Special Regard to the Findings in the Spinal Cord and Muscles (Mikroskopische Untersuchungen an progressiven Muskelatrophien unter besonderer Ruecksichtsnahme auf Rueckenmarks- und Muskelbefunde) Acta med Scand, 1935. Supp 63

Histopathological studies were made in twentythree cases of localized muscle atrophy of a progressive nature and of different origin. In sixteen cases, sections of muscle were taken for diagnosis, and in fifteen cases the spinal cord was studied microscopically. The findings and the conclusions drawn from them are summarized as follows:

1. By following the inducations of Slauck, progressive muscular dystrophy and the myotonic dystrophy, on the one hand, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, spinal progressive muscle atrophy, on the other, could be differentiated from one another by microscopic examination of excised muscle.

The neurogenic progressive muscle atrophy (Charcot Visite type) hous a predominant roustle dy trophy and seems to be related in more than one respect to progressive distrophy

The muscle findings in mustoma congenita (Onnenheim) are characteristic and hardly to be confused with the e of other muscle diseases

4 When the microscopic findings in the spinal cord were used as a guide to diagnous a marked agreement with the muscle findings was found whereas the clinical symptom picture sometimes pointed in another direction. In such cases a diagno tic excision of mu cle may often indicate the nature of the condition or confirm the chincal disg nosis This method therefore de erves greater recor nition

s. In the fifteen cases in which autopay was per formed the lateral horns and the so-called interme diary cells of the spinal cord (nuclei to which some observers have a cribed certain sympathetic func tions) showed no microscopic changes of a definitely pathological nature sithough marked decemeration of the anterior horn was often present

6 In one well advanced case of amvotrophic lateral selectors there was found in the grav substance of the cord a well isolated and distinctly Visble tract running from the pusterior horn to the anterior coramissure which very probably consisted of afferent sergory fibers namely the somothalamic and spinotectal tracts and upcrossed portions of Cower a tract

The localization of tell destruction and the reactive glosis on the one hand and the clinical symptoms on the other in cases of spinal muscular atrophy and amyotrophic lateral achirosis support the theory of Bok that the motor nerves to the peripherally lying muscularure of the extremities have their origin in the mo t lateral portions of the Spiemor ports

8 In the muscle strophies produced by a pri mary injury to the peripheral motor neurons the muscle fibers become atrophied in groups probably because every motor auterior horn fell innervates several muscle fibers which therefore become atcombied simultaneously when degeneration of their

nerve cells or nerve processes occurs o On cross section the groups of atrophed mus cle fibers mentioned are usually found distributed over the entire surface of a primary muscle fiber hundle Freids of more or less markedly atrophied muscle fibers are therefore found together or mixed with normal fibers. This may be explained by the hypothesis that a primary muscle fiber bundle is usually innervated by several anterior horn cells

to The so-called Ringbinden described by Serthan Herdenham and others as characteristic of progressive muscular distrophy and myotonic distrophy appear also in normal muscle and probably have no close relationship to those disease processes

The fatty degeneration of the muscle fibers seems to bear no constant relation hip to strophy or hypertrophy In the muscle fiber the fat droplets are found almost without exception within the anisotropic segments bo's in risogenic music atrophies and muscle atrophies produced by injury to the antenor horn

12 Rare muscle findings of theoretical interest were a so called lateral budd og in a case of so sal progressive muscle strophy and the occurrence of sarcoplasmatically hypertrophied muscle fibers in a ca e of spanal progressive muscle atrophy

LOUIS SELWEST M.D.

Filippi, A The Healing of the Intervertebral Disk After Removal of the Vucleus Lulposus in Ex perimental Animals (La guangione del dino anters ertebrale dope a portani ne del nucleus pul posus negli animali da esperimento). Chir d ergent de maramento 1015 11 1

The author believes this to be the first report of a study of the healing of the intersertebral disk after removal of the semi haud porton the nucleus

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The procleus pulposus constitutes a center of surport on which the vertebra whatever their load may move as on a fulcrum which is rigid in its func tion yet elastic to violent force. By means of it & force transmitted along the spine is diministed be fore it reaches the head Peing s liquid mas it is incompressible but because of the elasticity of the fibrous portion of the surrounding disk it may be slightly deformed by external pressure. Its elasticity potects it from trauma fairly well. Only exceptionally does severe trauma produce lesions of the

Pupture of the nucleus pulposus is manifested chincally and roentgenologically by deminution of the intervertebral spare and the late development of a deforming arthritis which may represent the healing process There is no tendency treatd a

return to normal

In the author's atudy which was made on rabbits the anterior horders of the intervertebral disks of the thi d and fourth lumbar setteb & sere exposed through an anterior approach the fibro. ring then being increed deeply to allow escape of the gelatmous substance of the rueleus pulposus After varying periods of time ranging up to ore hun dred days the ammais were sattificed and the dists stufted anatomically

After ten days there was no sign of fibrillary probleration The fibrocartilagmous elements had lost their normal arrangement the tissue appearing completely disorganized. This disorganization was probably the cesult of a major disturbance of the mechanical equilibrium which depends to largely upon the nucleus Disturbances of the blood supply were probably not important. I vidence of regeneration of the annulus fibrosis became apparent about twents days after the injury I rol feration of fibrillary fascicles occurred at the periphery of the bone. After forty days the disk was filled completely with fibrocartilage. There was no trace of the

twenty to thirty minutes. The joint is permitted to fill with fluid like a billions and then to collapse, whereupon the fluid is allowed to excape carrying away puss firm and other defertus. The attempt is then made too bottom a noter tight closure of the synthal membrane and capsule. Is a rule to sho closed a case is then applied to keep the solid closed of the state of the stat

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Béyoul A Dupuytren's Disease (La maladic de Dupuytren) Res de chir 1935 \$4 355

The authors observations are based on a secret of stry-cipht cases of Dipoviriers disease fifty of which were treated surgically. This is the largest single series thus far reported. The pathology and histology of the disease are discussed. Of the casereveneed the condition was due churds to engonesis factors in fifty six and to endogenous factors in twelve. In forcy cipht of the former the exogenous factor was chronic trauma and in right acute trauma. The nature of the endogenous factors could not be determined by either biochemical studies or general examination of the sympathetic nervo's system. No direct relation was found between Da purtent's disease and diseases of the joints

The author distinguishes three starse in the development of Dispovirus a sour Ire first size is characterized by industation of the idea portion of the padm the first posture of the padm the second by industrian of tenis most brands radiating toward the first planes and causing the latter to contract and palment in account the latter to contract and pages. In some cases, the conductor never passes beyond the part cases the conductor never passes beyond the same cases the conductor never passes beyond the same stages in a very short time. In most of the cases reviewed the course was slow with rem some of from three to thirty very bettered he stares.

Of the conservative methods of t extment radiotherapy gave the best results but was not invar ably successful. The use of fibrols sin proved unsaits factory. Ionization was employed only after opera-

The operation performed in the surposity testing cases was a modification of the knother proceed to based on the principle of as complete remost as possible of the diseased portion of the palmar speneurous. The author states that the most important step as the exposure of the affected apporturous under local anesthean by means of sustile nest own and the use of a constructor. Most frequently be and the use of a constructor. Most frequently in the presence of alant defects he added aemioval increases forming lateral flags.

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Of forty four cases traced after two years satis factor; results were obtained in thirty five and per manent functional improvement resulted in three in two cases the immediate results and in four cases the end-results, were not satisfactory A few patients with rapidly progressing Dupuytren's contracture developed recurrences The author believes that these patients were hypersensitive, and that the technique of the operation was not responsible for

the poor result

In conclusion he says that surgery is not indicated in the first stage in which the pathological changes and functional disturbances are not marked. In the second stage operation should be performed without hesitation as the pathological changes are clearly evident on microscopic examination and removal of the diseased tissue yields the best results. In the third stage the results of operation are not satisfactory EDITH SCHANCHE MOORE

Page, C M: Late Results of the Operative Treatment of Osteo-Arthritis of the Hip Joint. Lancel, 1935, 228 1313

With the development of asepsis and radiology, surgery is becoming more generally employed in the treatment of osteo-arthritis of the hip joint Opinion varies as to the method to be used. The author presents his opinion based on a review of the literature and an analysis of 100 cases operated on by him in a period of fifteen years.

The local causes of the disease are (1) trauma, such as old fractures, particularly those involving the articular surface, (2) nutritional diseases of bone in childhood—Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease and perhaps slipped epiphysis, (3) congenital deformities and dislocations, (4) disturbance of the blood supply to the articular area, osteochondritis dissecans, and

(5) subacute infection of the joint

The general causes are the circulation of toric materials in the blood stream and interference with

the nerve supply to the articular surfaces

The lesion discussed by the author as osteoarthritis is characterized by absorption of the articulating cartilage and secondary sclerosis of the underlying bone associated with the formation of cysts and marginal hypertrophy of the synovial membrane Small-celled infiltration of the capsule of the joint and fibrosis of the surrounding muscles are the result or the forerunner of the disease While one joint, particularly the hip, may be involved predominantly, the condition is usually present to some degree also in other joints

Pain is most in evidence in the early stages of the disease and subsides when the articular cartilage has been completely eroded and the underlying bone has become sclerosed It may be due to irritation of the nerves underlying the articular cartilage The origin of the pain is often determined

only by trial and error in treatment

The deformity constantly observed is flexion and adduction of the thigh When the patient stands, secondary lordosis and lateral curvature of the spine are produced, imposing strain on the sacro-iliac articulation and the joints of the lumbar spine

Surgery should be undertaken only after conservative measures have proved unsuccessful

The various types of operation are described manipulation of the joint and stretching of the adductors followed first by immobilization in a plaster cast for approximately a month and then the application of a caliper brace, as advocated by Camitz, simple subtrochanteric osteotomy of the neck of the femur or the bifurcation operation, Albee's arthrodesing operation with the use of a bone graft, the Whitman reconstruction operation to obtain a movable joint after the removal of abnormal bone the buttress operation of Lance, in which a bony block is formed above the joint to prevent progressive dislocation, and other procedures

From a review of the results of attempted arthrodesis and arthroplasty, the author concludes that when the disease is limited to one hip and the general condition is good, the operation of choice is arthrodesis by the Smith-Petersen approach and with the use of an iliac graft. For cases in which both hips are involved or the lumbar spine is stiff. he recommends a reconstruction operation by the Murphy approach This procedure is especially

recommended for elderly patients

Of 60 operations in which arthrodesis was attempted, the results of 49 were good; those of 12, moderately good, and those of 8, poor. Of 19 operations aiming at arthroplasty, the results of 6 were good, those of 4, moderately good; and those of 6, poor The interval between operation and restoration of function ranged from eight months to two years

The complications included pressure sores, wound hematoma, suppuration, deep venous thrombosis.

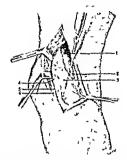
and, in 4 cases, mental disturbances

Page concludes that in osteo-arthritis of the hip radical surgery is justified in spite of the difficulties experienced by both the surgeon and the patient RUDOLPH S REICH, M D

Pereyra, R., and Palma, E.: Drainage of the Knee Joint (Consideraciones sobre el drenaje de la articulacion de la rodilla) Arch. uruguayos de med cirug y especial, 1935, 6. 531

Efficient drainage of the knee joint is rendered difficult by the anatomical structure of the joint which presents extensive articular surfaces and complicated synovial recesses Anatomical studies confirm the conclusions of Henderson regarding the distribution of the synovial pouches These pouches are divided into anterosuperior and antero-inferior compartments which may be further subdivided into lateral and external sections A posterior pouch is also divided into two sections—a lateral and a medial-which are usually separated by a middle septum

Vertical internal and external incisions are pro posed In the internal approach the authors incise the skin and subcutaneous tissues vertically, parallel with the longitudinal axis of the leg, at the medial muddle point. The incision is begun about 1 cm. below the line of the femorotibial articulation and extended upward from 8 to 12 cm The underlying



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the synovial size a Bottom of the synovial articular sac
Dotted line shows line of incision: 5 Quadricipital expan
size 6 Superficial appoinceroas:

a poneurous is then similarly incised and its margina is restracted with the skin and suboutaneous issues. The postero-inferior margin of the vastos and the intermuscular septom are liberated by bluri dissection. Near the upper margin of the moison it is often necessary at this stage to ligate a transverse articular arters.

By retraction of this muscle and the internuscular septim the base of the subquadricipath points is exposed. A small opening is made in the most dependent part and the incison their extended upward. Ehereby the joint may be exposed as much as desired.

These incisions are of advantage as all ligamentous structures are conserved joint function is not impaired and ample desinage is addicted. Because of the ample drainage phlegmonous infection of the pertacticular cellular tissue is not bleby to occur with the properticular cellular tissue is not bleby to occur.

#### FRACTURES AND DISLOCATIONS

Bary L and Califer M Surgical Treatment of Isolated Forward Luzation of the Lower Find of the Unia (Traitment singland de la luxibion isolée de l'extremité inférieure du cubitus en avant) I dr. chr. 1915, 45, 569

Isolated forward dislocation of the lower end of the olda is a rare injury resulting from a forced movement of appnation. If recognized early it can be easily corrected by forced pronution. Becau e of the enormous swelling of the wrist following accidents of this nature the condition often remains unrecognized expecially as it may not cause rain

In a case observed by the authors the delocation gave rise not only to marked functional disturbance for that also is overer pain in the deplaced bone, sparently caused by decaledication which was evident in the rentgenous plan and found at operation. The operative technique used which gave very samfactory results was as follows:

A vertical inci ion was made slong the internal margin of the ulna between the two tendors of the anterior and posterior ulnar muscles from the crease at the wrist This meision was extended to the bore the persosteum of which was carefully incised and maintained intact for use at the end of the operation A Gigli san was then pa sed around the hope a d the lower end of the bone resected at a distance of 2 or 3 cm Removal of the lower end of the ulva aid not expose the internal surface of the radius as this was still covered by the internal port of the periosteal envelope of the ulna, the remains of the capsule of the inferior radio-ulner joint, and the i ga ment connecting the radius with the pina above Care was taken to avoid tearing these fibrous tissues They were divided by a fine vertical incision. Thus the whole periosteal and legamentous apparatus was divided into two halves and access gained to the internal surface of the radius. A small rectang la bony flan was then out and turned downward. This flap was kept in place by suturing ove it first the superior ligament and remains of the carsule of the inferior radio ulner joint and finally the periosteria This fibrous envelope eventually becomes infiltrated with calcium which increases its solidity After closure of the skin wound the wrist was placed in a light plaster east in forced supination for fifteen days and at the end of that time massage and mobiles Elim Schwene More tion were begun

#### Speed K. Fractures of the Bodies of the Vertebrae Ann Surg 1936 tot to

Before their reduction fractures of verticals bodies should be studied with great care contactually contactured by the studies of the surply speed describes three types (i) a collapse of the surply speed describes three types (i) a collapse of the body by compression which can be easily find the surple of the

For the second type he advises reduction by 18th representation by the Jones method or on a hyper extension bed followed by the use of an ambalism; plastered Paris jacket for from the 15 louriest weeks. Hat the end of that time the reentgeregath shows proper density and healing he applies a spinate which he leaves on until full restoration of the

bone trabeculæ is found For cases with marked compression and broadening or lateral displacement he advises reduction by hyperextension plus traction on the head and feet over a period of hours, followed hy the use of a plaster bed for from eight to twelve weeks and then the application of a plaster jacket or back brace. In some cases it may be necessary for the patient to wear the plaster jacket for from six to twelve months.

BARBARA B STIMSON, M D

Telson, D. R, and Ransohoff, N. S.: Treatment of the Fractured Neck of the Femur by Axial Fixation with Steel Wires. J Bone & Joint Surg, 1935, 17, 727

The authors describe their method of inserting wires in fractures of the neck of the femur. After the injection of from 10 to 15 c cm of a 2 per cent solution of novocain into the hematoma at the fracture site the displacement is corrected by manipulation by the Leadbetter method. Roentgenograms are then taken to determine the position. When accurate reduction is obtained measurements are made on the roentgenogram to determine the point of entrance, direction, and depth of insertion of the wires, and a correction is made to allow for the difference between

the true measurements and those on the roentgenogram The wires are then driven in by means of a motor drill Skin anesthesia is unnecessary. A movable collar to control the length of the wire is added to the drill and the apparatus held immobile by a stabilizing prong inserted into the side of the femur After the insertion of the first wire a roentgenogram is taken and the position again checked. If the position is satisfactory, two other wires are inserted at different angles and roentgenograms are again taken. The projecting ends of the wires are chipped close and the skin is allowed to cover them. No dressing is necessary

After this treatment the patient is permitted to sit up in bed immediately and may be placed in a wheel chair within a day or two The only apparatus used is a short posterior splint at the ankle fixed to an 8-in crossbar to prevent external rotation

The wires are removed at the end of ten weeks if the roentgenograms made at that time show sufficient union

The results in twenty-five cases are presented in a table. Of the seventeen cases which have been followed for from one to three years, bony union has occurred in twelve and fibrous union with good function in three. BARBARA B STIMSON, M.D.

## SURGERY OF THE BLOOD AND LYMPH SYSTEMS

#### REGOD VESSELS

Colt G II Ramsay, I S W and Morrison M M The Injection Treatment of Various Veins Bre 31 J 1935 2 49

The authors studied the injection treatment of varien e veins to determine the late results and the incidence of recurrence. They divide the cases into

the following 3 groups Group r Cases in which the condition becomes chrome. In such cases there is a multiple sponge work of relatively small variculates and although the symptoms are exeatly relieved by injection freat ment alone numerous varicosities having a large total blood volume remain Some cases of this type present in the late stages a single main trunk which can be either injected or figated but in the majority such a fortunate termination does not occur. It appears that this is the one type of the condition in which if a diagnosis can be made early preliminary ligation of the internal or external sanhenous vein or both should be done and in some cases combined with injection

Group 2 Cases with a sincle varicosity generally with a positive Trendelenburg sign. In such cases almost any type of sclerosing solution injected into the empty vein will give a good and lasting result Ligation of the vein is unnecessary

Group 4 Cases of more extensive varico ities with a positive Trendelenburg aign and perhaps also evidence of a greater or less degree of deep reflux These are treated most effectively with the more caustic solutions

In their discussion of so called recurrence the authors state that the following a chief factors are involved (1) the natural course of the condition in its various manifestations (2) the degree of rom pleteress of the thrombosis in the venous area under consideration and (3) the varicosity observed in the injected and adjacent areas. In the cases of 160 patients under continuous observation from June 192" to June 1934 29 per cent of the himbs showed no new varicosities to per cent developed new vari cosities and 40 per cent showed either complete thrombosis or recanalization

Except for the occasional trial of a different solu tion in well defined cases the salicylate (40 or 30 per cent) and saline (10 per cent) solution was used This is the most reliable of all the non touc guidable solutions and rarely fails although sometimes the reaction is exce sive if the blood stream is sluggish and the dose is not adjusted accordingly. In general the injections were given into the empty vein from below upward and the solution was guided into the tributary areas as required. The injections were seldom made with the patient in the standing or sitting position. They were usually given after nately to each leg at intervals of a month but when the varicose areas were not clo ely adjacent they were given at intervals of two neeks

The recognized causes of necro 1 are (t) ince tion outside the vein (2) bursting of the inb tary tunction and (t) injection into the sub tance of the ve a walt While these causes were largely avoided in the cases reviewed necrosis occurred occasionally The explanation seemed to be that because of the loss of classicity in the wall of the year following A revious injection the vein did not seal deal and the puncture leaked. If withdrawal of the needle is delayed longer than usual the solution will become more dilute and innocuous. For the treatment of cases with ulcer the authors regard the old fashioned Unna paste caune applied in the old way and from the toes to the knee as most satisfactors. Refore its application the edema should be reduced and the blood drained by elevating the limb for twents minutes while the patient hes supine

The authors conclude that injection treatment with salicylate saline solution is safe and saits factory in the 2 chief types of variou e seins In a third type it gives poor results. Although great amelioration takes place a cure is not obtained From the results reported it is as yet impossible to determine whether greater amrijoration is obtained from operation alone or from operation combined

with injection In a very small percentage of cases injection aline is not entirely successful and ligation of the internal saphenous vesn below its upper end is indicated in addition. However the evidence does not justify primary suphenous ligation in preference to primary injection with sale ylate saline solution. I sperieure seems to show that almost all cases in whi hother solutions have fa led can be treated unce sfully with salicylate saline solution. The converse is not true but sodium morrhuate appears to be satisfactors in short lengths of vein when salicylate fails

Improvement in the pathological diagnosis of cases in which injection treatment to unsucce dul may be expected from the never roentgenological methods of investigation. Unna's paste bandage applied in the by drostatic manner gives much belier results than the modern application of elastic pres HERBERT F THERSTON STD

Veal J R and M. Fettlige E M Primary Throm bools of the Azillary bein An Anatomical and Roentgenological Study of Certain I tiological Factors and a Consideration of Venography as a Diagnostic Measure Arch Surg 1935 31 271

The authors report two cases of primary throm hoses of the axillar, vein and studies made on a he ng subject and fresh autopsy material to determine the cause of the condition

Their first case was that of a youth nineteen years of age who was in the habit of sleeping with his right arm above his head Twenty-four hours before his admission to the hospital the patient was suddenly avakened from sleep by pain which extended from the axilla down the whole arm and was associated with a stinging sensation in the finger tips. Almost simultaneously with the onset of the pain the arm began to swell A venogram made with a stabilized solution of thorium diovide on the third day after the patient's admission revealed a point of obstruction in the axillary vein distal to the first rib The treatment consisted of elevation of the arm on pillows and the use of the heat tent. In order to make an injection into the basilic vein it was necessary to make a small incision over the vein because of the intense edema A profuse flow of edematous fluid poured from the incision for seven days. At the end of ten days the arm was practically normal in size and appearance and the patient was discharged

Second case was that of a woman twenty-two years old who presented herself with large dilated veins on the right shoulder and the upper right portion of the chest. She stated that seven years previously the whole right arm and hand were involved in an acute swelling of unknown origin accompanied by pain in the axilla and arm. This subsided in a few weeks without active treatment. The dilation of the veins had developed gradually since that time. Venography revealed an obstruction of the axillary vein distal to the first rib and a rather

extensive collateral circulation

In their discussion the authors state that the clinical diagnosis rarely presents any difficulties Characteristic features are the suddenness of the onset and the rapid development of the swelling which occurs simultaneously with the onset of pain As a rule a history of indirect trauma can be elicited, and in most acute cases the affected vein can be palpated in the axilla as a firm painful cord. In the future it should be possible to establish the diagnosis absolutely in doubtful cases by vasography

In the treatment, conservative measures should always be employed first. These include rest, immobilization or elevation of the arm, bandaging, and physical therapy. Under such treatment in ordinary cases the edema is relieved and either recanalization of the vein takes place or an adequate collateral circulation develops. When these measures are not promptly beneficial operation should be performed. The operative procedure should be either simple excision of the clot, which is ordinarily sufficient, or excision of the entire affected segment.

The authors briefly discuss the theories regarding the etiology of the condition held formerly and today. Various investigators have attributed the thrombosis to infection, but in the cases of Wilson and Lowenstein it is probable that tuberculosis and syphilis were coincidental rather than causative

The theory that infection is the cause is opposed by both clinical and bacteriological evidence. However much they may differ as to the mechanism, all recent students of thrombosis of the axillary vein agree that trauma, plus some anatomical predisposing cause, is the factor responsible

In a detailed description of the anatomical relationship of the axillary vein to surrounding structures the authors call attention to the fact that when the arm is hyperabducted and externally rotated the relations between the vein and the subscapularis muscle and between the vein and the head of the humerus are immediately altered. In their roentgen studies they found that the obstruction hitherto assumed to occur over the first rib is not at that site but at the point where the vein passes over the subscapularis muscle in the position of hyperabduction and external rotation. This was established also by the dissection of fresh autopsy material

In studies in fresh autopsy material of the stretching of the vein which according to several theories is the responsible factor in thrombosis of the axillary vein the authors found that the only part of the vein that was stretched was the portion just proximal to the head of the humerus and just proximal also to the point at which the roentgen studies revealed constriction They investigated also the effect produced on the rate of the blood flow and the venous pressure by the constriction and stretching observed in the axillary vein in the position of hyperabduction and external rotation Studies of the venous pressure indicated that the important factor in raising this pressure is not the position of the arm, but rather the increased thoracic pressure caused by coughing or straining

The authors conclude that the final cause of the accident is some individual variation. The results of their studies contradict the results of some of the previous work that has been done, but do not solve the problem. The anatomical and physiological factors demonstrated are merely contributing causes. Until a sufficient number of autopsy studies have been made in cases of thrombosis of the aullary vein the cause of the condition must remain speculative.

Herbert F Thurston, M D

Baumgartner, J.: A Contribution on Arterial Obliterations The Importance of Arteriography in Surgical Diagnosis and Treatment (Beitrag zur Kenntnis arterieller Obliterationen Ueber die Bedeutung der Arteriographie in der chirurgischen Diagnostik und Therapie) Deutsche Zischr f Chir., 1935, 244 339

The author made arteriographic studies of the arterial circulation in twenty-one limbs of twelve patients. The technique of Dos Santos—percutaneous puncture of the larger arteries and the injection of thorotrast—was used. The technique is not described further

Arteriography permits a topical diagnosis of arterial obstruction and therefore surgery to relieve the condition. The conditions in the cases reviewed

## SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

#### OPERATIVE SURGERY AND TECHNIQUE POSTOPERATIVE TREATMENT

Gudin Operative Infection and Total Sterilization (Infection operatore et alertication totale) Bull et mêm Soc nat de cher 1935 61 994

The author maintains that the orthory operation is never performed one er strict, a septic conditions because the air is contaminated. The operative wound always hela with inflammation eyelenced by its redness and the fact that the body will not rolerate foreign material. The taubility of the footbarte foreign material is due to infection. Because of it citiqui stutiers must be employed and the use of nails plates and other foreign materials in home turieve; is followed by very poor results.

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Burian F Plastic Surgery of the Hand (Iland plasticen) Ro II Chir a Gynack C Chir 1934 11 252

Plastic surgery has a very wide field of application in the treatment of hand and finger miuries as well as the deformities resulting from infection. In recent injuries a plastic operation is seldom possible because it is at first difficult to decide what tiesue can be preserved and as a rule the wound is greatly contaminated In clean wounds free slin grafts can often be used with success. It is always necessars to take into consideration the occupation of the injured person. Especially important is preserva tion of the thumb and index inger. In cases of comparatively clean wounds coming for treatment within the first six hours it is possible after removal of the destroyed tissue to do free skin grafting if the mjury is superficial Otherwise a tubed of pedicled graft from a distant part must be used. In cases of gross destruction or contamination primary plastic repair is not suitable Belo e s plastic operation is attempted the wound must be brought to the granulation stage by irrigation with Dakin's solution This may require from ten to fourteen days but in the interval a tubed flap may be prepared on the abdominal wall is a rule the injured person does not come to the plastic surgeon until extensive scar contractures have formed The problem as then difficult to solve

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#### BLOOD TRANSFUSION

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after death In the direct method of transfession, technical errors are less frequent Among the important dan gers and unforeseen complications which threaten the recipient are non-specific protein reactions hemoly tic shock anaphylactic shock and the trans ference of disease. The non specific protein eac tions are closely allied to allergy Most important of all the complications arising in association with blood transfusion is hemolysis. Four types of hemolytic shock are distinguished the scute form with chiefly cardiovascular symptoms, the acute form in which the dominant symptoms are repaired there are no noteworthy cardiovascular disturbances the acute form, with predominance of slight transitory di turbances of a subjective character and the fate form in which there is no indication of hemotysis during or immediately after the blood translusion According to the experimental and clin scal observations of Hesse and Filstov tie only effective therapeutic procedure in bemolytic shock is the immediate transfusion of compatible blood The author discu ses the possibility of anaphylacut shock after blood transfu ion which he six es it an extremely complicated problem

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bosts at the time of the menstrual periods. Patients with varices are also exposed to the danger of throm bosts and embolism Their extremities should there fore he bandaged According to Walters of the Marin Chine thy rold preparations particularly thymrin are to be recommended (Fruend) Others-among them Urban and Kaufmann-have been unable to confirm the value of thyroxin With regard to the value and dangers of vene ection omnions differ The prophylactic use of leeches has little effe t in diminishing the coagulability of the blood (Sulver and Roszin's Before operation there should be no exaggerated purgation and immediately after the operation fluids should be given in large quantities by rectal drip Observations with regard to the value of treatment with liver preparations or with sympatol and carbon dioxide (% Locars) are too few for judgment. The prophylaxis suggested by Martin injection of calcium chlorate solution does not appear to be certain. An important prophe factse measure against thrombosis is the avoidance of ab olute rest in bed after operation. On the basis of a large experience. A nemmell has recently recommended getting the patient up early and the post operative administration of large quantities of fluid as particularly effective in reducing the incidence of thrombosis and embolism A foot roll should be

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surgeon has had cases of the latter type

Diagnosis may err in either of two directions An embolism may be mistaken for cardiac insufficiency, or cardiac insufficiency may be mistaken for embolism In the material of the Vienna Clinic for the last eleven years, 55 of 80 fatal postoperative emboli were diagnosed correctly The diagnosis was supported by an existing thrombosis. The authors review 7 Trendelenburg operations, 5 performed in Vienna and 2 in Innsbruck None was successful. In another case the Trendelenburg operation was performed under the false diagnosis of pulmonary embolism and autopsy showed that the patient had been suffering from cardiac insufficiency However, the diagnostic difficulties mentioned do not warrant too great hesitancy in the performance of the Trendelenburg operation.

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# ANTISEPTIC SURGERY; TREATMENT OF WOUNDS AND INFECTIONS

Gubern-Salisachs, L.: The Present Status of the Treatment of Severe Burns (Estado actual del tratamiento de las quemaduras graves) Rev de cirug de Barcelona, 1935, 5 325

In cases of severe burns it is necessary not only to treat the shock but also to prevent the development of toremia from the toxic substances formed from the hurned tissues. The general condition is affected unfavorably also by the lack of skin function in the affected region. Therefore the aim of treatment should be to fix the toxic substances formed and at the same time supply some of the functions of the skin lacking in the burned region. As tannic acid meets both of these requirements and as it is antiseptic and easy to apply, the author regards its use as the treatment of choice for extensive burns

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Bazy, L: The Prevention of Tetanus Active Immunization by Vaccination or Passive Immunization by the Use of Serum? (Documents pour servir à la prévention du tétanos Immunisation active par le vaccin ou immunisation passive par le sérum?) Bull et mên. Soc nat de chir, 1935, 61 714

The advantages of active immunization against tetanus as compared with passive immunization are presented. Statistics show that tetanus occurs most frequently as the result of minor injuries for which no prophylactic serum is given. Numerous also are cases of tetanus of endogenous origin. In about three-fourths of the cases there is no means of foreseeing the development of the disease. Moreover, in view of the widespread use of the serum, the limits of prophylaxis seem to be reached. The Pasteur Institute of Paris alone supplies 688,830 ampoules per year.

In France there is a veritable "tetanophobia" and repeated injections of serum to the same individual are common. In one instance a child received a dose every time he fell from a bicycle, a total of fifteen.

This extensive use of serum is associated with danger The sensitization of large numbers of individuals to horse serum is undesirable both because it is dangerous in itself and because it may interfere with the treatment of diphtheria or other disease requiring serum. Equally important is the loss of efficacy of the antitetanic serum due to the formation of antibodies, a serious matter for the individual as well as for the population as a whole in the event of an emergency.

In reply to the economic objections to widespread active immunization, Bazy says that the annual cost of serum, which offers only temporary immunity, is 6,500,000 francs, and for this sum 650,000 individuals could be protected against tetanus permanently.

In discussing this report, FREDET called attention to the fact that the development of tetanus is limited almost entirely to individuals whose occupations expose them to the infection. Among railroad employes, for example, the disease occurs practically only in track workers. Hence he would limit vaccination to these special groups.

Moure expressed the opinion that, in view of the rarity of tetanus in peace times, generalized vaccination is not justified. He believes, however, that in time of war there would be every advantage in vaccinating the army.

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## ANESTHESIA

Bezza, P.: The Secretion of Mucus in the Trachea and Bronchi in Relation to Ether and Chloroform Anesthesia (La secrezione del muco nella trachea e nei bronchi in rapporto alla anestesia eterea e cloroformica). Arch stal di chir, 1935, 40 113

Bezza reports experiments he carried out to determine the rôle of the mucus-secreting glands of the trachea and bronch in the development of post-operative pulmonary complications. He studied several groups of animals anesthetized with ether or chloroform. The depth and duration of the anesthesia were varied in order to determine their influence on mucus production. At the termination of the experiment the animals were sacrificed for examination of the bronchial tree and lungs.

After deep ether anesthesia lasting for from ten to twenty minutes there was practically no change in mucus production. Even when the anesthesia lasted one or two hours the changes were slight, only a few cells being active in the secretion of mucus. After light ether anesthesia lasting for two or three hours all of the mucous cellular elements became rich in secretion granules, the lumina of the bronchi contained abundant secretion, the tracheobronchial tree showed hyperemia, and there was an apparent ectasia of the blood vessels of the submucosa.

The animals subjected to chloroform anesthesia showed changes similar to those occurring in the animals anesthetized with ether.

Changes in mucus secretion were found also after repeated deep anesthesia induced with ether but not after repeated deep anesthesia induced with

chloroform

The findings ardicate that hypersecretion of mucus is related to hypermon Apparently, under the in fluence of light anesthesia viasodilatation and hypersecretion are refer activities. The conditions which allow this reflex are abolished by producid anesthesis and a substantial and the second of inhalation anesthesis as the other or chloroform the state of profound anesthesis should be reached as soon as possible and maintained

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Serlino A. The Biood Sugar Level in Relation to the Action of Paunervol and of Pither Area theia (II comportance) and of Superintanone glucemox an rapporto all asione del paunervol e della narconi etera). Arch de oute. 6 μπος 1, 2935, 42 1079.

The author discusses briefly the factors which regulate the blood sugar under physiological conditions and reviews the literature on the effect of morphine and ether on the concentration of sugar in the blood

It is generally agreed that morphine causes a hyperglycemia, but as the problem has been studed only in its clinical aspects and has never been at tacked experimentally the mechanism of this action

has not been satisfactoraly elucidated.
The hyperglycema following ether and chloro form arestiness has been attributed to (1) stimulation of the sympathetic system of the adrenal medulls (2) aridoss (3) hypo insulinism and (4)

gly cogenolysis resulting from a direct action of the ether on the hepatic cells

Meri no selected for his studies women in good nutritional condition with a normal carbohydrate metabohism who were suffering from common gynecological disorders. Only a few had been sub-

jected to laparotoms

He found that one hour after the injection of paunewrol (morphine scopolamine) the blood sugar concentration was usually increased. In several

cases, however it was decreased and in others should little change

He is of the op non that the diencephalic centers play an important rôle in the complex neurochemical hormonal mechanism regulating the blood ugar level by influencing the liver, pancreas and suprarenal glands.

He believes that the hyperglycemia is not the result of a toxic action of morphine on the lyer cells as some investigators claim but is due to a hyperglycogenolysis resulting from direct stimula

tion of the liver cells or of the suprarenal glands. He attributes the hypogly cema found in several

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He believes that the byte glycemia produced by ther anesthesa is due primarily to hepite byter glycogranolysis caused by direct stimulation of the bluer cells the secretion of emperium, or a ten bouary hypofunction of the pancersa, and that the acdoss mentioned by o her investigators as factor of con iderable importance in postanesthetic hyper glycemia. Ricesur F. Sonsi.

## PHYSICOCHEMICAL METHODS IN SURGERY

## ROENTGENOLOGY

Gallavresi, L.: A Photomicrometric Study of Certain Lines Appearing in Roentgenograms (Recerche microfotometrice nel campo di alcune immagini radiografiche lineari) Radiol med , 1035, 22 641

The author discusses the various theories that have been advanced to explain the certain stripes in roentgenograms from hyperillumination and hypollumination. He then reports the results of his photomicrometric study of the line around the outline of the thorax bounding the lung fields, which is called "Correra's line," and the clear borders surrounding the roentgen images of gas bubbles in the intestines

Correra's line appears when the lung fields are freed from superposition of the ribs by Palmieri's projection It is due to two causes, the first physicogeometrical in nature and the second simply an optical illusion known as the "Mache effect" The physicogeometric factors, which the author discusses in detail, are active only at the base of the thorax where there are conditions relative to the form of the thorax which cause a line of hypo-illumination on the negative and therefore a stripe of greater transparency In the upper part of the thorax, at the scapular girdle and the points where the pectoralis major and the latissimus dorsi muscles reach their greatest development, these physicogeometrical conditions are lacking and the lines are due to a Mache effect. Of course this effect may intensify the lines at the base also where the line is actually present However, the line may appear simply as an optical illusion without any geometrical factor This is confirmed by the transparent rings around the roentgen images of gas bubbles in the intestine, which in the great majority of cases are optical illusions

AUDREY GOSS MORGAN, M D

Brunetti, L. Indications and Projections for Teleroentgenograms in Craniology (Indicazioni e norme per l'assunzione di teleradiogrammi in craniologia) Radiol med, 1935, 22 673

The author discusses the use of teleroentgenography or hyperteleroentgenography in cramometry and describes his technique. The teleroentgenograms may be taken from four projections—lateral, basal (submentovertex incidence), facial following the plane from pasion to basion, and facial following the plane from porion to orbit. Illustrative diagrams are presented.

By the use of this method it is possible to examine skulls that cannot be sawed and also the skull of the living subject. There are many practical fields in which the method can be applied in anthropometry

It is particularly valuable in studies of the base of the skull where a clear picture cannot be obtained by other methods AUDREY GOSS MORGAN, M D.

Palmer, D L. Observations on the Roentgen Pathology of the Ethmoid Labyrinth and Sphenoid Sinuses Am J Roentgenol, 1935, 34 181

The fact that roentgen evidence of disease of the ethmoid labyrinth and sphenoid sinus is not accepted with the same credence by the progressive rhinologist as roentgen evidence of disease of the maxillary antrum and the frontal sinus is probably due to lack of familiarity with special exposures which serve to portray the ethmoid labyrinth and the sphenoid sinus to the best advantage. The author used the technique described by Rhese in the study of 500 cases of ethmoid and sphenoid disease which subsequently came to operation and in which he was able to compare the roentgenological with the clinical and pathological findings This study revealed that variations of structure are of equal importance to, if not of more importance than, variations in density The roentgenological examination proved of value especially in cases in which the history and the findings of rhinological examination were inconclusive

Palmer describes the Rhese technique and shows the findings to be obtained with it by roentgenograms and a schematic tracing. He discusses the principles of interpretation of the findings from both the roentgenological and the pathological aspect, and reports several illustrative cases in detail.

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Solomon, I., and Gibert, P: Roentgen Therapy in Inflammatory Diseases (La roentgenothérapie des affections inflammatoires) Presse méd, Par, 1935, 43 1251.

Since 1927 the authors have been using roentgen therapy in the treatment of inflammatory conditions with remarkably good results They have treated cases of furuncle, panaris, tuberculous abscess of the axilla, acute inflammations of the mouth, pharyna, and sinuses, inflammations of the genital organs, anorectal inflammations, and nerve conditions such as sciatica The simplest roentgen apparatus serves for the irradiation of such inflammations The optimum dose is usually from 100 to 200 r This means an exposure of from five to fifteen minutes, depending on the power of the apparatus Early treatment is important. The only death in the authors' cases was that of a patient with a furuncle of the face who was in extremis when admitted to the hospital To the objection that roentgen irradiation is too complicated a method for so simple a condition as inflammation, the authors reply that the technique is very simple and that furuncles which appear very

simple may bring about severe septicemia and even death if not treated in time

As bactericidal doses of roentgen arradiation are far beyond the therapeutic do es the effects of the treatment are evidently not due to direct action on the bacteria. It is wentable that the presdiction ornduces local conditions which are unfavorable for the development of bacteria, such as local alkalosis dila tation of the capillaries and increased lymph cur culation ALDREY GOSS MORCAY M.D.

Arneson A N and Quimby E H The Distribu tion of Roentsen Radiation With in the Average Female Pelvis for Different Physical Factors of Irradiation Radiology 1015 25 181

In the pradiction treatment of carcinoma of the uterine cervix radium applied to the cervix alone can be relied upon to control the disease directly in and about the primary lesion but is incapable of destroying the tumor more than 3 or perhaps 4 cm from the cervical canal. To deliver a lethal dose of irradiation to the outlying tumor bearing regions external pradiation with roentgen rays is usually given. The authors review some of the numerous methods by which this is done. Although numerous studies have been made of the distribution of roent gen rave within the pelvis, there is no record of a correlated study of the influence of warying specific factors on such distribution. Discrepancies in reported percentage values due largely to the dil-ference in the size of the pelvis in different cases render comparative studius unsatisfactory

With a view toward overcoming the difficulties for a practical comparison of methods of pelvic irradiation the author established a certain bods contour as a standard and then studied the varia tions of irradiation within it as various factors were changed, one at a time Skin fields which included

all of the tumor bearing regions and in which up necessary exposure of sensitive tis ues could be avoided were selected

According to the method described by Faills and Ousmby to illustrate the distribution within and outside the geometrical beam depth-dose charts were prepared for fields measuring at by 20 and as by so em A mechanically rectified \ ray ma chine was used with a filter of o g mm of corper and z c rom of shirr rum Data were obtained for target phantom distances of 50 and 70 cm

With the pelvis of standard si e the distribution of mradiation was studied for a number of comitor tions of fields and distances such as might be orac tical in the average radiological department

A study of the various charts illustrating the ver centure distribution of irradiation in the pelvis for different methods of external pradiction revealed that certain procedures had definite advantages over orbers. The use of large single fields on the anterior and posterior surfaces of the pelvis delivered a greater door to the bladder and rectal regions that to the cervir Double small field half the size of the larger ones may be used to arradiate an equal area of skin to deliver the same depth dose and to spare the bladder and rectum from do es in excess of the do e reaching the certix. The addition of lateral fields to any port arrangement increases the depth dose delivered at all prints within the pelvis The greatest improvement is in the parametrial re mons which at a di tance of b cm from the midine receive more irradiation than the cervis

In vaca of these facts it seems that a six port arrangement (two ports antenny two posterior and one on each lateral surface) a th a your target skin distance is the best of the methods investigated for the roentgen treadlation of cervical cancer

ADDLER HARTON M D

## MISCELLANEOUS

## CLINICAL ENTITIES—GENERAL PHYSIO-LOGICAL CONDITIONS

Jura, V.: The Pre-Operative and Postoperative Lipoids of the Blood (La crasi sanguigna pre-e post-operatoria) Clin chir, 1935, 11 649

In the last few years increased attention has been paid to the biochemical composition of blood in relation to various pathological conditions. One of the most important substances which has been studied from the praint of six and the standard of the praint of the pra

from this point of view is cholesterol

Jura briefly discusses the biochemistry of this substance and its rôle in the animal economy. It has been proved that the cholesterol level in the blood changes in various pathological conditions and some of these changes have been considered specific for certain clinical conditions.

It has been demonstrated, for example, that the febrile stages of the acute infections are accompanied by a hypocholesteremia which persists throughout the entire course of the infection. As the latter declines, a post-infective hypercholesteremia develops

In the anemias there is often a hypocholesteremia whereas in nephritis and arteriosclerosis the cholesterol level of the blood is increased. In diabetes, the degree of hypercholesteremia seems to depend upon the state of acidosis, particularly if the degree of acidosis is severe.

In acute peritonitis, as in other inflammatory conditions, hypocholesteremia has been demonstrated in clinical cases as well as experimentally. This is followed by hypercholesteremia which sets in during the period of convalescence

In a previous article Jura reported the variations in the cholesterol level of the blood in patients with

tumors of various types

In this article he reports on the pre-operative and postoperative cholesterol content of the blood in cases of hernia, calculosis of the biliary tract with or without obstructive jaundice, tumors of the pancreas, gastric and duodenal ulcers, and tumors of the large intestine. The determinations were made daily, on alternate days, or less frequently, depending upon the findings and the patient's general condition.

The author concludes that, in general, the cholesterol content of the blood will show little change after operation if it is normal before operation and the function of the organs concerned in the metabolism of cholesterol is good. This is true even in cases of obstructive jaundice if hepatic function is not reduced. In patients treated surgically for the latter condition it increases after operation as in all other patients with more or less slight postoperative manifestations of insufficiency of the liver

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Vallery-Radot, Ledoux-Lebard, Hamburger, Hugo, and Calderon: Arteriography During the Course of Anaphylactic Shock in the Rabbit (Arténographie au cours du choc anaphylactique du lapin) Presse méd, Par, 1935, 43: 1057

In previous studies of anaphylactic shock in the rabbit the authors observed a very marked constriction of the mesenteric arteries occurring simultaneously with the fall in the arterial blood pressure which, as has been shown by Arthus, is the principal

sign of the shock

In this article they report observations made on peripheral vessels with the use of the apparatus of Dos Santos which permits the injection of a contrast medium under constant pressure and definite knowledge at any moment of the amount of the substance that has been introduced A colloidal solution of thorium dioxide was injected into the upper end of the femoral artery at a pressure of

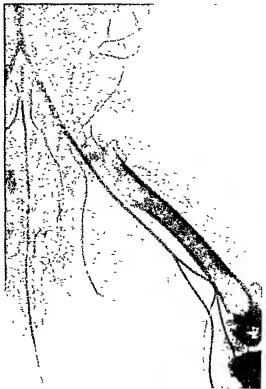


Fig 1 Artenogram before the occurrence of shock in a sensitized rabbit

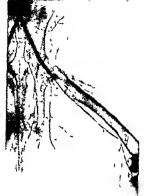


Fig 2 Arteriogram of the same raphet during shock

1 yeo gm. Adequate visualization of the sorts and the femoral vessel of the opposite side was obtained with to come of the solution an amount easily tolerated by the rabbit with no apparent change in the blood pressure.

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constriction was observed. On the contrary, a slight increase in the diameter of the vessels was nuted at the second injection.

NATION A WOMER WITH

SAMEL LARY MD

Hicken, N. F. Infectious Congrene of the Skin Due to Bacterial Synergism with Particular Reference to Noma and Postoperative Cus neous Cangrene trek Surg. 1915, pt. 253

Two cases of acute infections rangemen of the skin are reported. The first was that of a three year old begro boy who had seate melogrous indexts complicated by gangemous ulterative modern complianced by gangemous ulterative sand bulletin homeopamous. Experimental studies proved that the norms was raused by synergism between apparents meror-acrophiles non bemother steptise ever fault me bacilli and the anarrobe staphyle-roccus suggest.

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In rosz. I'ls and faecer reported a case of severe progressing skin necrosis which followed an opera tion performed on a pirl eleven years old for subacute appendicatie in February 1931 Since October 1931 Hobmerer had been treating the gangrene in this case with the thermocautery heliotrerapy calcium and potassium todide but the condition progressed until it involved most of the skin of the abdomen There was a huge wound surface covered by dirry granulations From pockets formed beneath the blursh red undermined edges of the wound there flowed a large amount of non-odorous pus. The farcis and musculature nere not involved. The pas contained a few hemolytic staphylococci but chiefly to diphtheria bacille non hemolytic strentococci were found

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Extension of the transplants was accelerated by sprinkling the wound surface with granugenol

(Knoll)

When presented at a meeting of the Central Rhein Surgical Society on October 27, 1034, the child was in good general condition and the wound completely covered with skin except for two small deep openings in the region of the right iliac crest. One of these openings has since closed

After the patient was discharged there was a recurrence of the erysipelas and an abscess formed in the left gluteal region following an injection. When the abscess was opened necrosis of the cellular tissues appeared but did not progress. The patient's

general condition is still good

Hohmeier considers the condition an ulcerative form of the hospital gangrene described by Kuester, the virulence of which was diminished by treatment (Zeleff) Jacob E Kellin, M D

Datnow, M.: An Investigation of the Value of Lead Compounds in the Treatment of Malignant Tumors. Am J Cancer, 1035, 24 531

After outlining the general method employed in finding therapeutically active and safe lead compounds for the treatment of malignant disease, the author describes in detail the preparation of twenty-seven organo-lead compounds, discusses the pharmacological tests of the preparations which were chemically satisfactory, and reports the results obtained by treating Brown-Pearce tumor-bearing rabbits with the pharmacologically satisfactory compounds

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# GENERAL BACTERIAL, PROTOZOAN, AND PARASITIC INFECTIONS

Lexer, E. Pyogenic General Infection and Its Treatment (Die pyogene Allgemeininfektion und ihre Behandlung) 1935 Stuttgart, Enke

Lever says that the term "pyogenic general infection" should be applied only to generalized diseases developing from a suppurative wound infection, a local primary or secondary suppurative inflammatory process, or a suppurative condition of a mucous surface when the pus-producing bacterium is not destroyed by the defensive forces of the organism and therefore spreads throughout the body The microorganisms concerned are pus-producers which are to be differentiated just as sharply from the bacteria causing putrefactive wound infection as from those causing specific infections such as tetanus, diphtheria, and actinomycosis The most common pusproducing micro-organisms are the staphylococci and streptococci Less common bacteria of this type are the gonococci, pneumococci, tetragenus cocci, and the pyocyaneus and typhus bacilli

Cases of pyogenic general infection are divided by Lexer into those with and those without metastases According to the manner of origin of the metastases, the former may be subdivided into those of the purely bacterial type and those of a thrombo-

embolic type. Of the cases of non-metastasizing pyogenic general infection or pyogenic blood infection those of the purely toxic type are to be distinguished from those of the bacterial type. Etiologically these conditions are to be distinguished also from general conditions resulting from putrefactive processes which Lexer designates as "putrid general infections"

Progenic infection of a wound or niucous membrane is followed by a local and a general defense reaction The micro-organisms are quickly taken up by the blood stream, the majority being thereby destroyed and removed from the body. The resorption fever of infection is the clinical manifestation of wound resorption The previously generally accepted theory that the invading organisms multiply in the circulating blood itself has been disputed by Schottmueller, but Lexer is of the opinion that multiplication of bacteria in the blood occurs in a certain sense, chiefly in the large reservoirs of blood where the blood circulates poorly or not at all The primary focus of a general infection, the inflammatory focus of an external primary infection, may heal completely, but invasion of the blood stream is repeated from a second focus which may be formed from a metastasis at any site or from any point of lodgment of bacteria in the walls of the blood vessels or the endocardium. In all infections the development of a generalized infection from an infectious resorption fever depends on the relationship between the virulence of the invading micro-organism and the defensive forces of the body The most serious sequelæ of pyogenic wound infection occur when an extremely virulent invader from a disease focus in the human body gains entrance to the healthy tissues of another person through a fresh wound sustained at operation or at autopsy on a fresh cadaver The period of incubation is very short Such extremely severe infections due to streptococci and staphylococci may occur even in strong, entirely healthy persons, but are more common in persons whose resistance has been reduced by overwork or disease However, they are quite rare

The elimination of invading bacteria from the blood depends upon various factors. Chief among the latter are the bactericidal properties of the blood, the processes of immunization with the formation of specific protective substances, and the reticulo-endothelial system in the spleen, the Kupffer cells of the liver, the bone marrow, the lymph nodes, and the capillary endothelial cells of the blood and lymph vessels.

The author describes in detail the clinical signs of pyogenic general infection, especially the manifestations of circulatory weakness. Toxic general infection is due not only to bacterial toxins, but also to the toxins of protein decomposition (Lexer, 1922).

Of most importance in the treatment of pyogenic general infection is thorough opening up of the local focus from which the general infection had its origin. The surgeon should not hesitate even to amputate an extremity if this appears necessary. In the

thrombo embolic form of generalized pyogenic infec tion early ligation of the affected veins should be The purpose of general treatment is the strengthening of the defensive forces Treatment with bactericidal sera has not given uniformly satisfactory results, and in cases of sente reneral infertion Lexer found vaccine treatment of no nerticular The effect of convalencent serum and of bacteriophage lysines has been variously intermeted The use of collargol is to be rejected as it causes a blockade of the reticulo-endothelial system Treat ment with proteins for which numerous substances are available has been found beneficial by Lexer only in cases of chronic mild general infection, viz. those in which the condition was due chiefly to the effects of toxins The value of the revent method of causing the formation of an asentic abscess by the use of turpentine has not yet been proved. Under certain conditions the reneated transfusion of blood in small quantities (from 150 to 200 c cm ) is hene ficial This is effective in cases of prolonged meta static general infection after the appearance of a new metastatic focus When toxic manifestations (cir culatory weakness) predominate results from this method are hardly to be expected. Under such con ditions atrophantin and the other cardiac stimulants (adrenalin) and hot baths are indicated. If convalescent blood is available for transfusion it should be used. The effect of general stimulation of the reticulo endothelial system by repeated rocateen stradiation of the entire body and the effect of short wave therapy is questionable. The author mentions also the themsalin treatment suggested by Jentzer

For the prevention of pyogenic general infection early opening of every possible primary focus and careful treatment of such foci after their incision are of great importance Spreading infiltration with increasing resorption fever should be mused without waiting for the mass to soften Waiting for an abscess to develop may result in the breaking down of rissue and invasion of the blood stream Careful attention naid to the wound surfaces formed by the incision both at the time of the incision and in the subsequent changing of dressings will be rewarded by a fall in the fever whereas mechanical irritation will cause an increase in the fever due to increased resorption and frequently also to a local spread of the inflammation lymphangitis erysipelas or metas (HAIN) TORY IL BEETTAN M.D.

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Diamantis states that while the zoological cycle of the bibarzial para ite outside the human body is well known the development of the cercana after they have entered the body has not jet been det netely determined. Paracitologists and clinician ministrate that, in man a hepitic stage is necessify but some of them adomt that the route by which the parasites reach the live closes for the machine parasite. The author is of the course for the reaching pation. The author is of the course of mecessary to possible a hepitic necessary to possible a hepitic hard alparasite and that the supposition of such stage movels a migration contrary to the course of the blood stream which is and anatomical and authological.

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